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Turning Backyards Into Fertile Fields

Ideas Range From Garden Beds To Community Farms

By Richard May

Everyone knows the good taste and health benefits of fresh fruits and vegetables. Wouldn't it be great to grow them in your own backyard?

That's what Noe Valley green thumb Daniel Cumings does. Cumings, an accountant in his other day job, has been raising vegetables on Sanchez Street for over 30 years.

He started planting when he moved to San Francisco after college. "In the '60s and '70s, the only access to clean food was to grow it yourself," Cumings says. Even though we now have farmers' markets and organic fruits and vegetables in stores, he thinks "the freshest food is from your backyard. And," he says with a smile, gardening "is entertaining."

Cumings has lots of good advice for backyard farmers.

If you're new to gardening, he recommends you "start small." Although he has worked in larger areas in previous years, his garden now is just 50 square feet. That's 10 feet by 5 feet. But in Cumings' yard, the planting bed is 2.5 feet by 20 feet, because he likes "to be able to reach everything without stepping into the garden."

Getting Your Farm On

To plant winter vegetables in January, you need to get the garden ready in December, he says. Pick your sunniest spot, dig up the area, add "amendments" (compost, manure), and mix. Cumings advises

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Trip to Bountiful: Brad Wolfe (right), pictured with housemate Maika Nicholson, wants Noe residents to join him in creating a Noe Valley Neighborhood Farm. Photo by Beverly Tharp

Lesbian Pioneers A Feature of Gay History Document

Noe Valley Also Cited for Early LGBT Support

By Matthew S. Bajko

Since gay men began moving into San Francisco's Castro District in the early 1970s, the centrally located neighborhood has been seen as the heart of the city's lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community.

Yet Noe Valley, just south of the Castro, has also had a part in the history of the local LGBT community. The neighborhood has been home to many LGBT leaders over the years, long before the

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Farmers' Market Headed to the Street

Muni to Be Rerouted on Saturdays During Construction

By Matthew S. Bajko

Starting Saturday, Jan. 2, the weekly Noe Valley Farmers' Market will take over a block of 24th Street due to the construction of a brand new neighborhood park.

The relocation of the weekly market will mean that for much of 2016 the 48-Quintara buses will be rerouted Saturday mornings till early in the afternoon.

The 13-year-old farmers' market is being forced out of the parking lot it has

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With This Ring. On June 16, 2008, as then Mayor Gavin Newsom looked on, Del Martin placed a wedding band on the finger of longtime partner Phyllis Lyon. The event marked the first state-sanctioned same-sex marriage in San Francisco. Photo by Marcio Jose Sanchez/AP

Tom Mazzolini Still Spinning the Blues

Blues Fest Founder Keeps It Real on Radio

By Tim Simmers

It's been seven years since Tom Mazzolini had to pull the plug on the San Francisco Blues Festival, the popular outdoor music fest he ran for 36 years.

But the Noe Valley resident is still broadcasting his passion for the blues, on KPFA Radio's *Blues by the Bay*. Mazzolini's lively Saturday show is in its 42nd year and may be the longest-running radio blues show in the nation.

The program sizzles with gutsy, emotional blues and a righteous blend of the culture and history of the music. Mazzolini weaves in his own stories, improvising like a jazz musician. A native of Chicago, he also talks about the origins of the music, with its themes of suffering and overcoming great odds, and its colorful cast of characters.

"People want to know what they're listening to," says Mazzolini, 73. "I play a record, and it might rekindle a memory of



Blues-EyeView. *Blues by the Bay* radio host Tom Mazzolini has seen his musical passion bring sweet sounds to hundreds of thousands over the past 42 years in the Bay Area.

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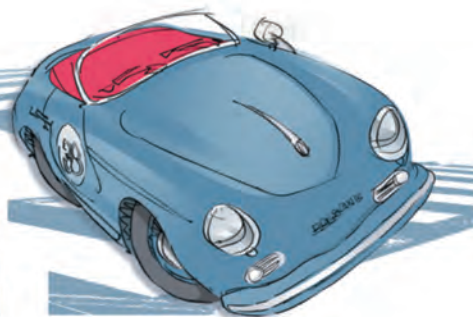
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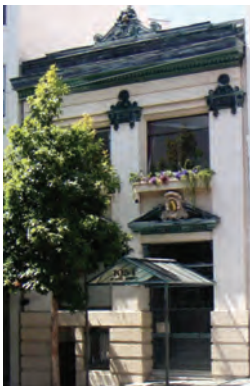
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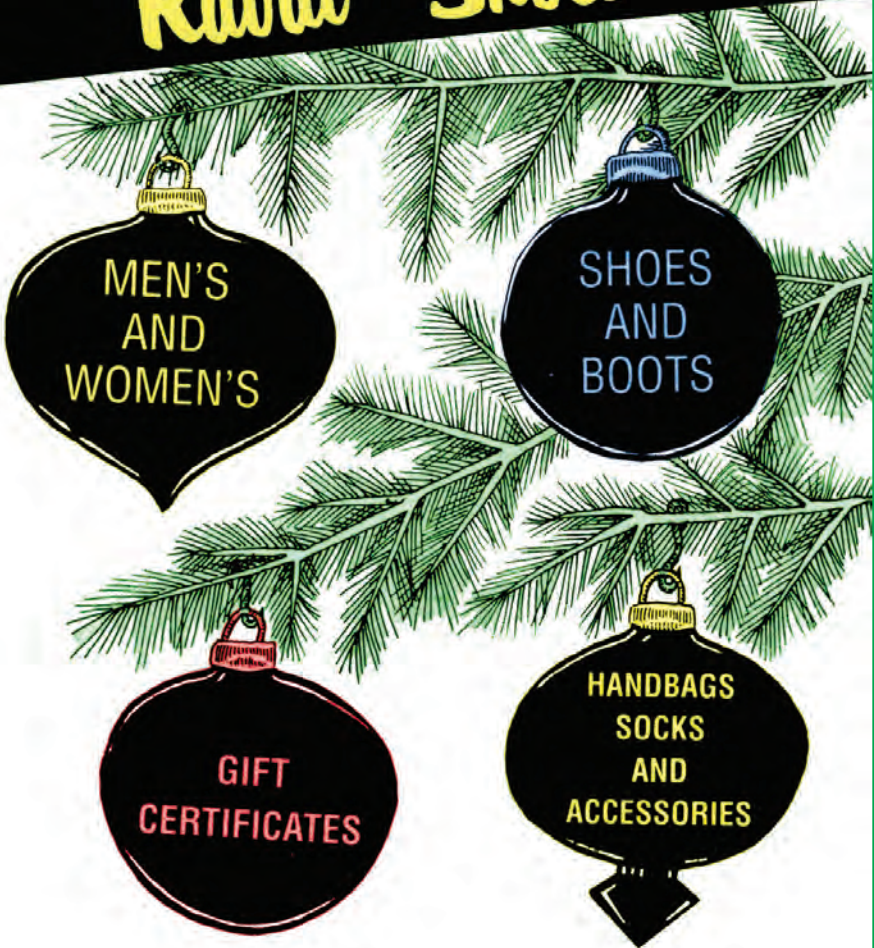
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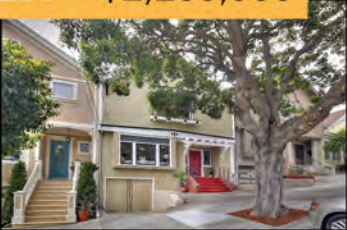
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PUBLIC OPINION

Why I Voted Against Prop. F And Why It's Still Important

While I do not appreciate Airbnb's gloating over the defeat of Prop. F in the Nov. 3 election, the proposition brought up two very important issues.

The first is the Prop. 13 problem. I voted against Prop. F, which would have severely limited short-term rentals, because Airbnb is one step toward addressing the public revenue problem created by Prop. 13.

Since 1978, commercial and rental landlords have received what amounts to a tax subsidy provided by Prop. 13. They have reduced property taxes, even though their tenants receive city services at current prices. How does San Francisco, with its majority of renters, pay for the costs of goods and services in 2015, when property taxes are pegged to values set from 1978 to today?

You often hear landlords complain about rent control but you never hear



them complain about Prop. 13, though both lower fees below market rates. Prop. 13 and rent control set prices at the time of purchase or rental agreement, and then keep the property tax or rent artificially low.

The hotel tax, which Airbnb collects, acknowledges that landlords run a business and that people staying in their rental units use public services which cost money. The tax is based on the rental price. This reflects the market value of the property. Prop. 13 property taxes do not.

The second issue is: who is responsible for solving our housing problem? Are landlords supposed to provide subsidized housing for teachers, waiters, artists, and other middle- and low-income workers, or is it the shared responsibility of government and the corporations whose high-paid workforce has radically increased rents and demand for housing?

We should ask for a partnership between large corporations and Bay Area governments to build housing. Subsidized housing should be a shared

burden. We all benefit from the labor of public servants and from professional diversity within the city. If regional governments asked business to shoulder some of housing costs for their workers, we might be able to come up with a long-term housing solution.

Post-election, I'm glad that the City of San Francisco is finally collecting taxes to fund city services. I would rather see our Prop. 13 problem solved by state reform, and there are groups such as Make It Fair working on such reform. Yet it's hard to imagine legislative reform, given the lobbying power of the billion-dollar commercial real estate industry. Until the government makes a change, we have Airbnb.

—Kate Haug

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ECHOES OF AN ERA

By Keven Bellows

The band is putting away the instruments, many invited guests have gone home except those who can't let go of what was. I'm still here too, observing people with purpose taking down decorations, sweeping the floor, clearing tables.

I try to remember what it felt like to be alive, not just breathing but breathless with activity, anticipation, achievements, days structured, demanding, too short.

I am a child of the miracle century, follower of the true faith. Longevity—salvation—span of endless years, spawning empty hours as it turns out, many of them tinged with sadness, confusion, a stranger to myself, children devout but disinterested.

Loss is the constant as years pass—first the beloved, then siblings, dear friends, familiar faces, and not just people—even names on marquees, clothes, music,

cursed to outlive my era.

Keven Bellows is the author of two books, *Taking Your Own True Name* and *The Blue Darter*. A recent transplant from Los Angeles, she lives on 23rd Street.

City Delays Clipper Street Repaving Project

New Traffic and Bike Lanes Six Months Down the Road

By Matthew Bajko

The city has pushed back plans to repave and restripe a section of Clipper Street to next summer.

The project—along the 600 and 700 blocks of Clipper, between Douglass Street and Diamond Heights Boulevard—was initially expected to begin in late December or early January.

But San Francisco Public Works announced in November it could no longer abide by that timeline. The delay will also impact the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's timetable to make several minor traffic safety improvements along that stretch of Clipper Street.

"Project staff have informed us that the paving schedule will be delayed by roughly six months to coordinate with their other work," wrote SFMTA senior planner Nick Carr in an email sent Nov. 5. "When we have more definite schedule information from our Public Works partners, we will share that information with you."

As the *Noe Valley Voice* reported in September, the SFMTA is trying to slow vehicular traffic on Clipper Street, a major artery in the neighborhood. The proposed changes include reducing travel lane widths and limiting drivers' usage of the center turn lane to pass slower-moving vehicles.

Traffic engineers also plan to paint buffers between the travel lanes and bike lanes and install safe hit posts to prevent eastbound motorists from driving in the bike lane below the point where Clipper crosses Grand View Avenue.

Those changes are a downgrade from

a more ambitious proposal the SFMTA had floated last spring (*see June 2015 issue*). That plan would have eliminated the middle turn lane, reduced parking in the area, and reconfigured the bike lane. Due to overwhelming neighborhood opposition, the SFMTA opted for less substantial changes.

According to Carr's email, the agency is still finalizing the design of the traffic-calming project, dubbed the "Clipper Road Diet Concept."

Updates about the project can be found at <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planing/projects/upper-clipper-street-traffic-calming-project>. ■

Crime Snapshot

According to CrimeMapping.com, a website that extracts crime data from the SFPD and other police departments across the country, 62 criminal incidents occurred in October 2015 within a half-mile radius of the "center" of Noe Valley. (There were 322 within a mile radius.) The *Voice* collected the data for October on Nov. 10, 2015, using 4100 26th St. as the approximate center of the neighborhood.

To map incidents on your block or in a wider area, go to www.crimemapping.com/map/ca/sanfrancisco.

The breakdown of incidents within a half-mile radius was as follows:

Arson	0
Assault	2
Burglary	15
Disturbing the peace	20
Drug/alcohol violations	0
DUI	0
Fraud	6
Homicide	0
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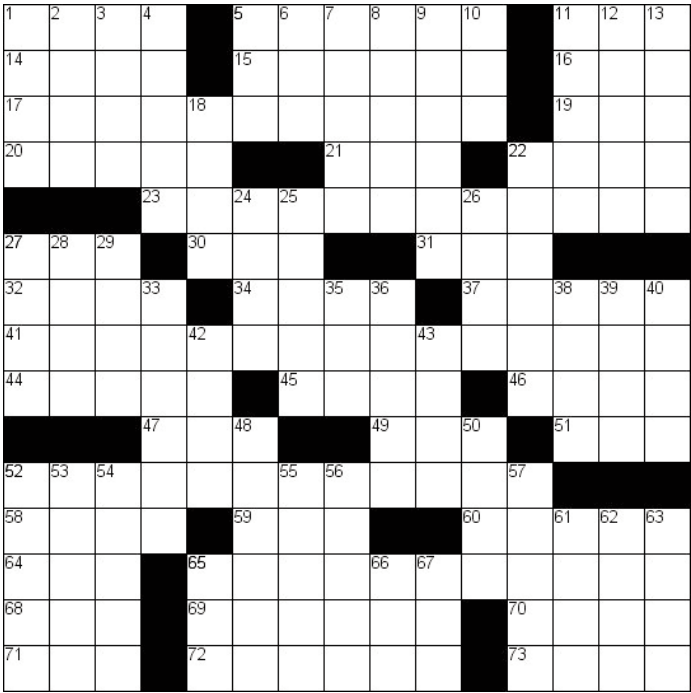
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- Book before Jeremiah
- Where lieuts. are made
- Blunder
- Thoroughfare east of Diamond
- Birthplace of Einstein
- Diamond**, expensively
- Mai ____ (cocktail)
- "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
- Wheel of Fortune* purchase
- Ado
- Diamond**, in a Giant way
- Barely touch
- Spanish cousin of "estar"
- Expire, as a battery
- Singles
- Branch
- Works the land
- Diamond**, locally
- Keyboard or mouse function
- Order at Savor
- Tale of heroism
- Popular tattoo
- Chem. or geol.
- "Lusty" time, in *Camelot*
- Diamond**, in math class
- Like a Monday crossword
- Bering or Ross, e.g.
- Desert havens
- Boom box abbr.
- Diamond**, to some players
- Hollywood's Hagen
- Reclusive tycoon Howard
- Pound of poetry
- To ___, With Love*
- 1998 Masters and



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DOWN

- Shrek, for one
- Besmirsch
- Yearn (for)
- The gift ____
- Rocks, at Horner's Corner
- Made a laptop?
- Take ____ at (try)
- Rocker Turner's autobiography
- Gray follower in Sacramento
- Greedy one
- "It's ____ here!": Kuiper's home-run call
- Bob St. ___, late 49ers star whose Noe Valley store still bears his name
- Self-satisfied smile
- Mmes., across the

Pyrenees
22. Asparagus portions
24. *Glamour* competitor
25. Great Lakes Indians
26. Edinburgh elevator
27. *Beloved* author Morrison
28. Soon
29. Chick's utterance
33. Like an algae-covered pond
35. "Farms? In Berkeley?" follower
36. Dentist's directive
38. Copier load
39. Start of something big?
40. Command to Fido
42. "... a striking performance that ran the gamut of emotions from ____": Dorothy Parker
43. Org. for cat and dog lovers
48. Pt. of SFMOMA

50. Apple's Nano, for one
52. *Song of the South* uncle
53. About one-third of Hispaniola, area-wise
54. Half of the Odd Couple
55. KALW *West Coast Live* host Thomson
56. *Borat* creator ____ Baron Cohen
57. ____ up (relaxed)
61. Orman on KQED
62. Land of the leprechaun
63. Arcturus or Rigel, e.g.
65. Plato's P
66. ____ Lingus
67. 2010 World Cup host country: Abbr.

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24 HoliDAYS on 24th Street

Jolly and Jingly Events
All Season Long

By Olivia Boler

The sixth annual **24 HoliDAYS on 24th Street** is like an advent calendar full of chocolates. It starts on Tuesday, Dec. 1, and ends on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24. That doesn't mean, however, that it's all Christmas all the time. There are plenty of feel-good non-denominational happenings as well as fun Hanukkah events, too.

Basically, what Noe Valleyans need to know is that something different and festive is going on every day in Noe Valley. And of course, it's not all about—but it's definitely *a lot* about—supporting local businesses as you make choices on where to spend that holiday gift-buying goodwill. Many will offer enticing holiday specials and discounts.

Organized by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association and the Noe Valley Association, the festival also boasts major sponsorship by Sterling Bank & Trust, Patxi's Pizza, Ambiance, Umpqua Bank, and Edward Jones. Other big sponsors are noted throughout, so don't forget to wish them "Happy Holidays" when you take part in the merriment.

Here's the scoop on a few goings-on, especially those that really say "tis the season":

Kids' Bookshop Fun

Every Wednesday, 10 a.m., is Story Time for Little Ones at Folio Books, 3957 24th St. On Dec. 2, in anticipation of the Festival of Lights, there will be a special Hanukkah-themed reading. Similarly, Folio will host a Christmas Story Time on Wednesday, Dec. 9. (This year, Hanukkah takes place starting the evening of Dec. 6, and ends Dec. 14.)

For older young readers, a new addition to the neighborhood, Charlie's Corner, 4102 24th St., will host a non-fiction book club for kids ages 8 to 10, on Wednesday afternoons, Dec. 2, 9, and 16, 4:30–5 p.m.

Around the Menorah

Speaking of Hanukkah, if you've been craving latkes, HoliDAYS has got 'em. Sunday, Dec. 6, 3:30–5:30 p.m., the Noe Valley Town Square on 24th Street near Vicksburg will be transformed into a Chanukah Wonderland, with crafts, music, menorah lighting, and bounce house. There will also be dreidel games and a latke bar. *L'chayim!*

On Dec. 10, Congregation Emanu-El is sponsoring a Pop-Up Chanukah Candle Lighting at the West Parklet, in front of



Each year, as 24 HoliDAYS rolls around, Santa's helpers at the parklet in front of Just For Fun decorate the trees with lights and ornaments, adding sparkle to our walk along 24th Street.

Photo by Jack Tipple

Just for Fun, 5:30–6 p.m. There will be cantors and musicians, too.

Several Santa Sightings

There will be plenty of chances to get in a visit with Mr. Kringle, so don't stress about finding a photo op with the Man with the Bag.

For those with pets, Santa will make two appearances on Saturday, Dec. 5, first at Noe Valley Pet Company, 1451 Church St., 11 a.m.–3 p.m.; and then at the Animal Company, 1307 Castro St., noon–4 p.m. But how can he be in two places as once? It's Santa—he's magic, of course.

The next Saturday, Dec. 12, he'll be appearing at Zephyr Real Estate (a major HoliDAYS sponsor), 4040 24th St., 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and then again at Just For Fun, 3982 24th St. The next day, Sunday, Dec. 13, 3–5 p.m., he'll stop by Folio Books for hot cider and cookies.

Thursday, Dec. 17, this busy guy will be outside of Just For Fun again, and this time he won't be alone. A few of his loyal reindeer (herded by JFF) will also be on hand, 4:30–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 19, Santa will grace with his presence Hill & Co. Real Estate, 3899 24th St., 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Finally, on Sunday, Dec. 20, he'll make one more appearance at Just For Fun, 1:30–3 p.m., before quitting his Noe Valley lollygagging for some—quite frankly—much needed overtime with his North Pole elves.

Ho! Ho! Holiday Hayrides!

To every season in Noe Valley there is a hayride. The always popular two-horse-powered wagon returns to the neighborhood as autumn changes to winter on two Saturdays, Dec. 5 and 12, noon–3 p.m. Gary Sello of Indian Valley Carriage Co. provides the ride while his beautiful and sweet-tempered Bergeron thorough-

breeds, Beau and Honey, provide the muscle.

Pick-up and drop-off will be in front of Walgreens, 1333 Castro St. at Jersey. "It's about a 15- to 20-minute loop," says HoliDAYS organizer Sylvia Vientulis. Sponsored by Zephyr Real Estate, hayrides are free of charge.

Wine and Walking

The fifth annual Noe Valley Holiday Wine Walk is Thursday, Dec. 3, 4–8 p.m. It takes place at participating businesses from Diamond to Chattanooga streets and on Castro Street. Dani Sheehan-Meyer of Cliché Noe, 4175 24th St., says, "We will have appetizers by Holy Kitchen and a local winery host." They will also offer free gift-wrapping and layaway.

According to Vientulis, this is also a

great chance to go shopping, since many stores will be open later than usual with festive offerings.

"Both the San Francisco City Chorus and the Loosies will be strolling and singing holiday songs that evening," she says. The City Chorus, which will sing again Dec. 12 and 19, is known for its musical range and artistry. The Loosies are an all-female cappella group specializing in pop and classical hits.

The Wine Walk is \$20 in advance, and tickets can be purchased through www.sresproductions.com. Day-of tickets are \$25 (cash only), and available at the Farmers' Market parking lot, aka the Town Square, at 3865 24th St.

Jingle Bell Rock

The HoliDAYS wouldn't be the holidays without great music from student choirs and local bands. Adda Clevenger School students will sing in front of Zephyr Real Estate at 3 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4. On Sunday, Dec. 6, you can hear rock, country, and Delta blues from Blind Lemon Pledge from 1 to 4 p.m. at the East Parklet near Martha & Bros.

The Farmers' Market will offer music among the mistletoe (we hope) on Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12, and 19, 9 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Lunarville and They Call Me Lucky will play Dec. 5. Lunarville will return with District 8 Dec. 12, followed a week later by Erin Brazill & the Brazillionaires, caroling violinists Natalie & Amelia Cavander, and the Noe Valley Flutes in a holiday recital.

There is a lot more going on, of course—from face-painting at Davids Tea (Dec. 12) to sake-tasting at Olive This Olive That (Dec. 15) to ornament-making at Mapamundi Kids (Dec. 13). To check out the whole 24 HoliDAYS on 24th Street calendar, visit www.24on24th.com. ■

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Farmers’ Market to Move Temporarily

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called home since its inception due to the site’s transformation into the Noe Valley Town Square. Next month, crews are set to begin tearing up the asphalt lot and remediating the soil underneath in preparation for turning the square-shaped parcel into public open space.

In response to neighborhood calls to preserve the parking lot for use by the farmers’ market rather than see condos be built at the site, the city’s Recreation and Park Department bought it in 2013 for \$4.2 million from the Noe Valley Ministry. The sale helped to pay for the renovation of the Presbyterian Church’s gothic building at Sanchez and 23rd streets.

Close to \$3 million will be spent to turn the 10,829-square-foot parking lot into a park featuring a vine-covered trellis, a stage with canopy, a sensory garden with native and drought-tolerant plants, a tots “discovery path,” and a slide surrounded by a rubber play surface.

Local firm CMG Landscape Architecture is working pro bono on the project. The city’s Recreation and Park Commission is slated to approve the design for the park in April with construction commencing in May.

Best Site for Produce Market

The property is purposefully being designed so that the farmers’ market will be able to set up within the boundaries of the new park, at 3861 24th St. The park should open to the public next year in early October.

Until it does, the farmers’ market will set up its tented stands for produce and prepared foods, on the roadway between



When construction of a new park and town square gets started in January in the former parking lot at 24th and Vicksburg streets, the fruit and vegetable stands of the Noe Valley Farmers’ Market will set up in the middle of 24th Street. *Photo by Pamela Gerard*

Sanchez and Vicksburg streets each Saturday through the fall.

That portion of 24th Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The group that oversees the market, however, hopes to reopen the street as early as 2 p.m. those days.

Leslie Crawford, a co-founder of the market who has been working closely with the town square project proponents, said there was no other way to ensure the continued operation of the farmers’ market next year without moving it onto 24th Street. The group looked at using James Lick Middle School, Alvarado Elementary School, and several other sites, but none were available or suitable to use while the new park was being built.

“We are concerned that the upwards of

2,000 people who come to the farmers’ market each week can still come to support the farmers,” said Crawford about the decision to request use of the street.

Closure Approved on a Trial Basis

At its meeting Nov. 12, the city’s Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation, known as ISCOTT, which reviews street closures, granted tentative approval to the farmers’ market’s permit request for the months of January and February.

The ISCOTT members preferred to close the street on a trial basis rather than for a full year in order to ensure there were no unforeseen complications or negative reaction from the public. The farmers’ market had sought approval to close the street every Saturday through Jan. 7, 2017.

The extra time was tacked on in case construction of the park got delayed past October. ISCOTT requested that the farmers’ market operators return to its second meeting in January in order to review how the street closure was working out.

“Let’s try it and get comments from merchants and the public,” said Sergeant Bernie Corry, who represents the San Francisco Police Department on ISCOTT. “Do it for a month and then come back.”

If there are no problems, then ISCOTT is expected to sign off on the yearlong permit to close the street on Saturdays.

“I was very pleased with their decision. Their requests were reasonable,” said 24th Street resident Patrick Monk, who helped found the Noe Valley Farmers’ Market and attended the ISCOTT meeting to voice his support for the street closure request.

Merchants’ Group Signs Off

The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association also supports closing the street. The group voted to endorse the closure plan at its September meeting.

“The Noe Valley Farmers’ Market is an

important part of our neighborhood and commercial community. The temporary relocation site during construction of the park is critical to the welfare of our community,” wrote attorney Robert T. Roddick, the business group’s president, in a letter sent to ISCOTT Nov. 3.

Roddick noted that allowing the market to operate on 24th Street “will have the advantage of maintaining the market, in the center of the neighborhood, with its average of 2,000 attendees each week without disrupting the general commercial benefits and our community habits, of market shopping, meeting friends and neighbors, and partaking in the ambiance of our community.”

The group also discussed the rerouting of the 48-Quintara bus line, added Roddick, which the merchants deemed “a necessary component to the street closure.”

The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency will reroute the 48-Quintara buses, which daily traverse Noe Valley via 24th Street, onto 23rd Street during the Saturday street closures.

4 Parking Spaces to Go

As detailed in an email from Miguel Espinoza, superintendent of special events and construction in the SFMTA’s Transit Services Division, buses headed inbound from the Mission will turn right onto Church Street and then left onto 23rd. The buses will then turn left onto Sanchez Street and then turn right back onto 24th Street.

Two parking spaces on the north side of the street at the intersection of 23rd and Church will need to be removed so that the buses can make the turn.

For buses traveling outbound toward the Mission, they will turn left off 24th Street at Sanchez and turn right onto 23rd Street. Two parking spaces on the south side at Sanchez and 23rd streets will be removed to allow the buses to make the turn.

At Church Street the buses will turn right to head back toward 24th Street, at which they will turn left to return to the normal route. An SFMTA inspector will be on hand to manage service for the first Saturday of the route change.

The city is requiring the farmers’ market to install permanent signage on 24th Street to alert residents and drivers to the weekly street closure.

All vehicles parked on the block of 24th Street between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets will need to be moved by 6 a.m. come Saturday mornings in order to avoid being towed.

Jeff Cretan, an aide to Supervisor Scott Wiener, noted at the ISCOTT hearing that the farmers’ market board’s street closure request “isn’t just their decision. They have been talking to the community about it. This is the best location.”

He added that ensuring the yearlong permit request is approved “is a top priority for our office.”

For more information about the farmers’ market, visit <http://www.noevalleyfarmersmarket.com/>.

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Grow Your Own In Noe Valley

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against jumping right into making your own compost. “Just go to Sloat [or another garden store] and buy a bag,” he says. He has a compost pile but suggests new gardeners keep crop-raising as simple and easy as possible.

Another piece of advice from Cumings is “plant early.” In mid-January, he plants chard, kale, and peas from “starts,” and vegetables like carrots, beets, and radishes from seed.

He grows his own starts—small plants grown from seeds in trays ahead of time—but again says you can just buy them from a store. You can also find seed potatoes in a number of varieties. Don’t worry about El Niño, he says. If there’s a downpour, “You can always just plant again.”

Cumings has tried a number of leafy vegetables, but they were mowed down by snails and slugs. Still, he doesn’t want to discourage anyone from trying whatever they want. “Don’t worry about failing,” he says. “If you can’t accept failure, don’t grow vegetables!”

He plants warm weather crops April 1, which is also early, but as Cumings says, we don’t have to worry about a freeze killing plants in San Francisco, so why not?

His warm weather vegetables are melons, corn, yellow cherry tomatoes, and lemon cucumbers. He also suggests growing as many vegetables as you can vertically, on netting or trellises. Peas work well, and lemon cucumbers, because they’re smaller than the green ones.

Farming With Others

For those who don’t have a garden patch or who would prefer to share their



Housemates Maika Nicholson and Brad Wolfe stand in their backyard, which may soon become one of the plots in Noe Valley’s first Neighborhood Farm. Neighbors interested in the idea are invited to Wolfe’s home, 709 Douglass St., Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Photo by Beverly Tharp

yards—and the work—with neighbors, there are group-farming opportunities, including one that’s just sprung up in Noe Valley.

The Noe Valley Neighborhood Farm is being created under Foodscape, a website advocating backyard gardens and small farms. Brad Wolfe of Douglass Street is the leader of the Noe Valley Foodscape. Fifteen people, each with at least 250 square feet to grow food, must join to get the Noe Valley Neighborhood Farm going. Their reward is a share of the harvest.

On average, according to Mary Lem-

mer, founder of Foodscape, a Neighborhood Farm (with the requisite growing areas) is able to produce collectively about 3 pounds of food each week for each of its members.

Neighbors without the space or the inclination to garden can reap Foodscape benefits, too, if they pay \$10 a month. Their money will pay for a farmer adviser to help the Noe Valley Farm succeed. To join, go to myfoodscape.com.

Wolfe is holding a get-together at his house at 709 Douglass St. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m. At the meeting, potential Noe Valley farmers can learn more about the idea of a cooperative farm and how to get one started.

Wolfe himself has never farmed, but he’s enthusiastic about the prospect. He sees more benefits to farming than just sharing healthy produce, like cooking together using vegetables from the Noe Valley Farm or perhaps holding a harvest celebration.

“I’m interested in positive social innovation, things that benefit the community,” Wolfe says.

It’s a Dirty Plot

Community gardens are another way to get your garden on, but most in San Francisco have long waiting lists.

Genanne Walsh, who lives in the Castro, says she was on the waiting list for five years for a garden plot at the States Street Community Garden near Corona Heights Park. “But it was worth it,” she

says. “We love going to the park and eating the fresh vegetables we produce.”

Noe Valley, Diamond Heights, and Glen Park each have a community garden. The Clipper Community Garden at 855 Clipper Terrace in Noe Valley has 43 plots of land. There’s a waiting list of 60 people, with a turnover of 10 plots a year.

The Craggs Court Garden in Diamond Heights has 22 garden plots, with 28 people on the waitlist. Turnover is just two plots a year. The Arlington Community Garden in Glen Park has 21 plots, with 37 people waiting and a turnover of one plot a year.

Don’t mind waiting? Put your name on a waitlist at sfrecpark.org. (Enter “community gardens” in the Search box.)

Animals, Not Plants

If vegetable gardening is not your thing but animals are, you can also raise domestic farm animals in Noe Valley, some with permits and some without. No permits are required for bees, two female goats, and up to four chickens.

Several residents already have chickens or keep bees in Noe Valley.

Dan Cumings found chickens not only a good source of eggs but also a good way to get rid of debris from weeding his vegetable garden. He just tossed his green waste into the chicken coop, and the chickens chowed down. They also, of course, produced manure, which he used to fertilize the garden. ■

Gardening Resources

- Classes in backyard farming are abundant in San Francisco. Try the San Francisco Urban Agriculture Alliance (sfuaa.org), the San Francisco Department of the Environment (sfenvironment.org), or the Urban Agriculture Program in the city’s Recreation and Park Department (sfrecpark.org).
- You can get free compost, soil, and mulch all year round from the city’s Urban Agriculture Program. Note that the date and location change each month. The next giveaway will be Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to noon, at 900 Innes in the Bayview.
- Garden for the Environment, 1590 Seventh Ave., holds workshops “for the beginner, the obsessed, and the ag. curious.” There are no classes in December, but GFE is hosting a free “Urban Composting” workshop Jan. 9 and “Grow Your Own Food” workshops on Jan. 16 and Feb. 13 (\$25, or \$15 if you’re a member). All are from 10 a.m. to noon. Preregister at gardenfortheenvironment.org.
- For tips on raising animals—and bees—in San Francisco, go to sfenvironment.org and search for Animal Husbandry.

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LGBT History Documented at City Hall

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Castro earned its “gayborhood” designation, as well as the site of significant events in LGBT history.

Noe Valley’s often overlooked role in the city’s LGBT past has now been documented in a lengthy city-funded report adopted by the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission on Nov. 18.

Pioneers Lyon and Martin

Probably the most famous Noe Valley residents in the report are pioneering lesbian couple Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, who “purchased a house at 651 Duncan Street (extant) in 1955. Their only requirement was a ‘house with a view,’” as noted in the city report.

The couple in September of that year helped found the Daughters of Bilitis, the country’s first lesbian rights group. Martin was elected its founding president. Lyon served as its inaugural secretary. In 1956 they launched *The Ladder*, a newsletter aimed at the lesbian community that convinced numerous readers to move to San Francisco.

As the report notes, “Perhaps one of the most important social activities hosted by DOB, and in line with the organization’s original mission, was the private parties held at the home of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon on Duncan Street, including many holiday parties” where some guests feared being seen through an immense picture window.

“There is this perception with many people this history starts in the Castro. But it starts long before that,” said Shayne Watson, a lesbian and an architectural historian based in San Francisco.

Watson co-wrote the LGBT history report with Donna Graves, a public historian based in Berkeley (who is straight). They spent the last two years working on the document.

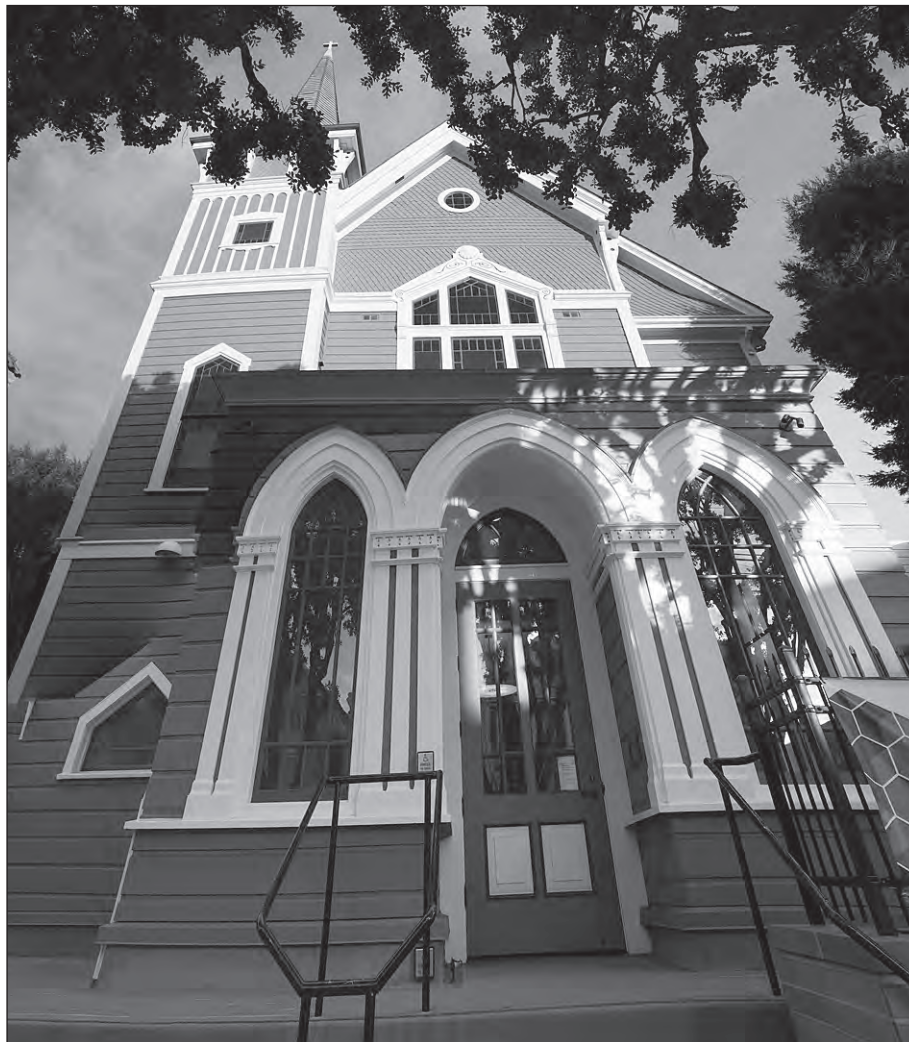
In addition to preserving San Francisco’s LGBT past, the women’s report will assist with efforts to landmark, either by the city or state and national programs, properties of historical significance to the LGBT community. And it could be used to assist efforts one day to establish in San Francisco an LGBT-specific historical park run by the National Park Service.

“The National Park Service is chomping at the bit to have a site in San Francisco or California to be listed on the national register or as a national landmark,” said Watson.

Lyon and Martin’s Duncan Street home is “among the most obvious local sites,” write Watson and Graves in their report, “that appear eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, or even as a National Historic Landmark.”

Report Begins in 1400s

Officially titled the “Citywide Historic Context Statement for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-



In a report adopted by the city in November, the Noe Valley Ministry Presbyterian Church on Sanchez Street is cited as one of several congregations in San Francisco addressing AIDS and homophobia in the 1980s.

Photo by Beverly Tharp

sexual, Transgender, and Queer History in San Francisco,” the 381-page report details the growth of the LGBT community over the centuries.

It progresses from the late 15th century, when European settlers first encountered members of local Native American tribes who adopted the roles of the opposite sex and faced eradication under Spanish missionaries, to the introduction of anti-gay laws during the city’s Gold Rush in the mid-1800s.

It then details the lives of male and female cross-dressers of the famed Barbary Coast era in the 19th and 20th centuries and the queer literati and bohemians who called North Beach home through the 1950s. It traces the migration of the city’s LGBT residents into the Tenderloin, Polk Street, Haight-Ashbury, South of Market, the Mission and Valencia Corridor, and the Castro.

Later chapters focus on the early gay liberation movement of the 1960s, the LGBT community’s political organizing in the 1970s, and the early years of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s. During that dark chapter, Noe Valley is once again referenced by the report as being host to several important events.

Church Forums on AIDS

According to the report, a Noe Valley church was one of “a number of congregations” in the city that began “consciously addressing gay members and to face homophobia within and outside the church” due to AIDS.

Sanchez Street) in February 1981. Left/Write brought activist writers together to face the growing conservative tenor of the new decade.”

According to the history report, the conference covered such topics as “The Political Impact of Lesbian and Gay Writing,” “Criticism as a Political Tool,” and “Radical Asian-American Writing.”

Voice Stories Noted

The history report also references a number of stories that ran in the *Noe Valley Voice* in the late 1970s and early ’80s. An article in 1981 reported on Sarah Lewenstein, the owner of the now defunct Artemis Café, which opened at 1199 Valencia St. in 1977, dropping her women-only policy to allow men to patronize the establishment.

The history document also cites a 1977 *Noe Valley Voice* article that reported on lesbian businesswoman Charlotte Coleman, a former resident of Noe Valley who owned several gay bars in the city, including The Front, the Golden Cask, and the Mint. The story profiled Coleman “as the board director’s chair and a founding member of the First Women’s Savings and Loan Association, one of the few of its kind in the nation,” according to the history report.

Another 1977 *Voice* article featured Joani Blank, who opened sex shop Good Vibrations at 1210 Valencia St. “near the growing lesbian corridor on Valencia Street,” described as “Baja Noe” in a later *Voice* story.

As for Martin and Lyon, they again made history in 2004 when they were the first same-sex couple to marry in San Francisco during what became known as the city’s “winter of love.” Although the state’s Supreme Court annulled that marriage, the women again were the first same-sex couple to wed in San Francisco on June 16, 2008, after the California Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage.

Martin died two months later in August at the age of 87. Lyon continues to reside at the Duncan Street home she shared with her partner of 55 years. ■

For more information about the *LGBTQ Historic Context Statement*, or to download a copy of the full document, visit <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3673>.

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After four decades in the blues, radio host Tom Mazzolini has amassed 4,000 CDs, not to mention hundreds of posters, photos, and other mementos. Photo by Beverly Tharp

Fest Founder Still Playing the Blues

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a show or an artist. It helps make the performer come alive, hearing a little about the process they went through to get there. That makes the experience richer for the listener.”

The driving harmonica and slide-guitar songs Mazzolini loves to play make it richer, too. He’s a big Chicago blues fan, and that tough, raw sound gets a heavy dose of airplay. And he’s sure to play his favorites, like Muddy Waters, Sonny Boy Williamson, Buddy Guy, and Albert King.

“I play a lot of Albert King,” Mazzolini says. “What a style. When you hear a note, you know it’s Albert King. The language on that guitar.”

He plays local musicians, too. Recently, he spun a moaning harmonica tune by Sonoma County resident Charlie Musselwhite. Then he followed up with “Born in Chicago” by North Bay resident Nick Gravenites, noting it was recorded in 1965 with Elvin Bishop of Marin County on guitar.

His listeners come mostly from the Bay Area. But his audience might include a man on a computer in Brazil or a woman on a laptop in Italy, thanks to Internet streaming.

Mazzolini likes the original medium, though. “Radio hasn’t lost its momentum,” he contends. “It’s gaining momentum. People can’t always be attached to the Internet. It doesn’t give you that immediacy. Live radio is in everybody’s car, and it still has an important reach and fulfilling capacity.”

Soaking Up the Sixties

At his home of 45 years on Hill Street, Mazzolini studies and reads about the lives of the musicians. He can absorb a lot in his living room, which is like a small blues museum. Books on Howlin’ Wolf, Muddy Waters, and Michael Bloomfield are stacked high on the wall next to hundreds of old vinyl records. Colorful San Francisco Blues Festival posters hang on another wall, and feature stars like Gatemouth Brown, Taj Mahal, John Lee Hooker, and T-Bone Walker.

Though the Windy City was Mazzolini’s birthright to the blues, San Francisco was the place where he developed his music mojo.

Arriving in the city in 1965 to go to San Francisco State, he attended Bill Graham shows at the Fillmore Auditorium and saw blues greats like B.B. King and Albert Collins share the bill with psychedelic rockers like the Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane.

“The ’60s had everything to do with it for me,” says Mazzolini. “I was absorbing so much going on around me.”

In the early ’70s, he noticed that bookings for blues legends at the Fillmore

were dwindling as rock and roll became big business. He saw a vacuum he might fill, and in 1973 launched the first San Francisco Blues Festival, at Kezar Pavilion in Golden Gate Park.

After rave reviews for the show, he took to the airwaves on KPOO, the city’s jazz, soul, and blues station. Then, in 1975, Chris Strachwitz, founder of the pioneering blues and roots label Arhoolie Records in El Cerrito, asked him to be part of his *American Roots* radio show on KPFA. “I knew Tom as a dedicated blues lover, and he was good on the radio and had a good voice,” recalls Strachwitz. “He was from Chicago and really knew his stuff—not just one kind of blues, but the early country blues and urban stuff.”

‘It Was a Big Deal’

In the festival’s early years, blues musicians were eager to play, and Mazzolini booked them at will. His wife, Velma Kingsbury, handled Internet business, organized concessions, and was a soundboard for the festivals.

“[Mazzolini] gave exposure to many veteran Bay Area blues artists and brought them into the mainstream, from black communities in Oakland and Richmond,” says music historian Lee Hildebrand, who helped kick off the first fest playing drums with piano player Dave Alexander.

Eventually moving to Fort Mason in 1982, the festival created a stage for many blues musicians to break in. Mark Hummel, an East Bay harmonica player, saw many of his idols at the blues fest. “I was stoked when my band the Blues Survivors with guitarist Mississippi Johnny Waters were invited to play in the late ’70s,” Hummel says. “It was a big deal, and I felt I had arrived.”

Mazzolini brought in Texas blues guitar slinger Stevie Ray Vaughan in the late ’70s on his first West Coast tour. Vaughan was practically unknown, and had no representation, no agent.

He also introduced Robert Cray at the blues festival. “Tom’s done everything in his power he could for the blues,” says Elvin Bishop, who played the blues festival, too. “He took a lot of musicians on tour in Europe, and his taste in music that he brought in was always good.”

Mazzolini’s first headliners were Bay Area blues greats from the 1940s and ’50s, like Jimmie McCracklin and Lowell Fulson. He still plays their songs on the radio. “The past is always in the present with the blues,” he says.

Sad Day for the Blues

In 2008, Mazzolini produced his last San Francisco Blues Festival. Shutting it down was painful. He was close to the performers and the drama of their music.

A series of events spelled doom for the event. Funding got harder to come by and attendance dropped off after Sept. 11, 2001, partly because out-of-town fans

Is Noe Valley in a Housing Bubble?

Three Real Estate Analysts Consider the Question

By Corrie M. Anders

Back in the spring and summer, Noe Valley’s real estate was in a tizzy. Buyers were offering jaw-dropping sums of money to snag any house that became available. The white-hot sales and dizzying price spiral raised the logical questions: Is Noe Valley floating in a multi-million-dollar housing bubble? And if so, is it about to burst?

The *Voice* posed these questions to several real estate analysts familiar with the market in Noe Valley, a neighborhood long coveted by affluent homebuyers.

“No and no,” said Ralph McLaughlin, a housing economist for the online real estate firm Trulia, “even though prices are sort of reaching historic highs in Noe Valley.”

McLaughlin acknowledged that while there might have been “a bit of a slowdown” over the last few months, there were “no solid signs that housing values in Noe Valley are in a true bubble.”

Patrick Carlisle, chief market analyst for the Paragon Real Estate Group in San Francisco, agreed.

“Prices are certainly pushing the envelope in the last year,” Carlisle said, but “I don’t see any incipient crash coming.”

Values Fueled by Tech

To the delight of home sellers and the chagrin of buyers, Noe Valley real estate has been on a four-year roll. It was the first San Francisco neighborhood to emerge, in 2011, from the nationwide recession that began in 2007.

The revival accompanied a Bay Area boom in high-tech jobs. Many of the tech industry’s young and affluent workers opted to live in Noe Valley, attracted by its small-town charm and easy access to downtown San Francisco, Silicon Valley, and points in between.

The rise in property values has been so dramatic, Trulia reports, nearly every home today in Noe Valley (95.7 percent) is worth at least \$1 million—a huge leap from January 2010, when only half of Noe Valley residences (54.4 percent) were worth that much.

According to data provided by Zephyr Real Estate, the average price of a house sold in June in Noe Valley was \$3,734,000, a record high. Still, that number fell to \$2,827,000 in July, before sliding to \$2,201,000 in October.

The decline in prices in the last six months does not portend a bust, however, according to the real estate professionals.

McLaughlin said one sign that a real estate market is in a bubble (and heading for a major fall) is when housing prices are out of sync with the cost to rent.

While home prices have indeed sky-

rocketed in the last four years, neighborhood rents have risen at an even higher rate, he said.

“In Noe Valley, we’ve seen the price-to-rent ratio has remained pretty constant over the last five to eight years,” he said. “In fact, the price-to-rent ratio has actually dropped in Noe Valley”—from a high of 29.2 in April 2014 to just under 25.8 in October of this year.

(The ratio is determined by dividing the total cost of homeownership by the total cost of renting. The lower the ratio, the better the climate for home-buying.)

“That is one metric that Noe Valley is *not* in bubble territory,” McLaughlin said.

Job Growth a Key Ingredient

Another metric is the economy. Home values in Noe Valley are likely to stay high because Bay Area job growth and incomes remain strong—two fundamental engines of a robust housing market, McLaughlin said.

“So much of the share of jobs in the Bay Area is in high-tech, and that is a healthy economy,” he said. “That is what is driving the Noe Valley housing market and the entire Bay Area housing market.”

“To play devil’s advocate,” he said, any moderation or long-term decline would be linked to a downturn in the job market. “If that very healthy economy starts to wane,” McLaughlin said, “we may start to see housing prices start to wane.”

That is not likely to occur in the near future, according to Ted Egan, chief economist in the Mayor’s Office of Economic Analysis. Egan said the local economy continues to grow “as fast as it ever has.”

He referenced state economic data that showed the San Francisco–San Mateo County region added 44,000 jobs between January and September of this year.

“That’s a pretty rapid rate of job growth,” Egan said. “We’re projecting it to continue for the near term, for the next year or two. But beyond that, it gets very uncertain.”

The two big unknowns, Egan said, are will the stock market continue to perform, and will investors continue to fund high-tech start-ups.

‘More Rational Market’

Whether or not Noe Valley has been in a bubble, Carlisle of Paragon thinks “we may be segueing into a more rational market,” where buyers and sellers are more evenly matched. In fact, buyers could be gaining a little clout.

He said luxury home sellers had pushed their prices so high that hardly anyone could afford them.

Like the other analysts, Carlisle noted that most potential buyers and sellers hold investments in the stock market, and its seesawing over the past year may have taken some heat out of the fierce competition for Noe Valley homes.

But he and the others were firm in their assessment: homes in Noe Valley are as desirable as ever. ■

were reluctant to fly. Then two new music festivals—Hardly Strictly Bluegrass and the Outside Lands Festival—came to San Francisco.

Also, many great blues artists died in the 2000s, including Magic Slim, Hubert Sumlin, and Etta James.

“They were gone, and there’s not much you can do when you lose the stars—there’s no replacing them,” reflects Mazzolini. “There’s a lot of buried emotion when you do something that long. But the festival went as far as it could go. Sometimes things have a certain length, and they go in another direction.”

Most days, Mazzolini walks down the hill and sits in the parklet at Martha & Bros. on 24th Street, sipping his afternoon coffee and discussing the events of the day: politics, art, music, history, and

the changes San Francisco is undergoing. But his memories often drift back.

That 2001 festival, happening just 11 days after Sept. 11, may have been his most challenging. He knew the terrorist attacks had “changed everything.” He was stunned, and he didn’t know whether to cancel the show or not. But friends said he shouldn’t, “because people would need it.”

The first day of the festival, he took the stage. “We have to pull together, and understand the importance of humanity,” he told the crowd. “We’re going to come through this, and the blues will be a healing force.”

Mazzolini is still using the blues as a healing force—on his radio show, which airs at 94.1 FM from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday. ■

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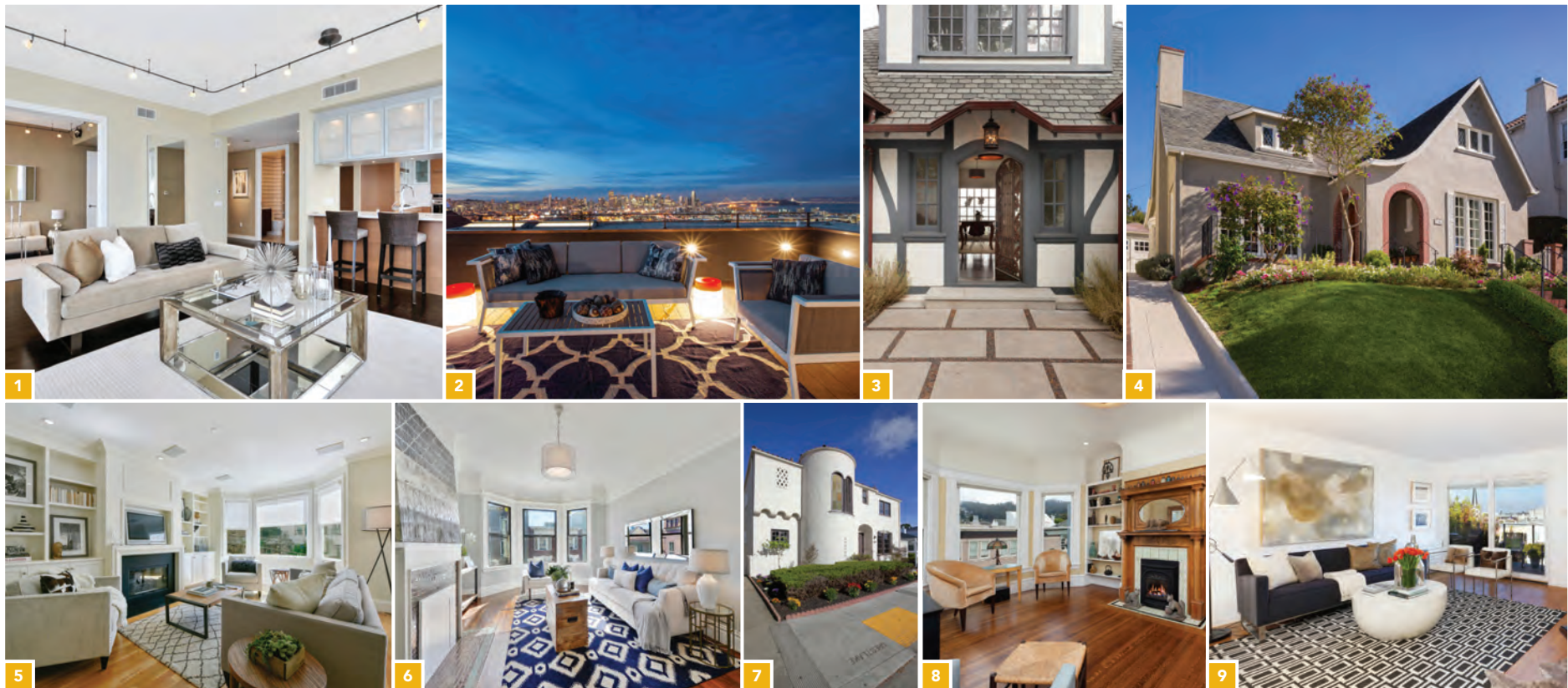
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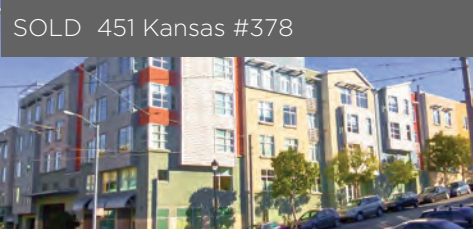
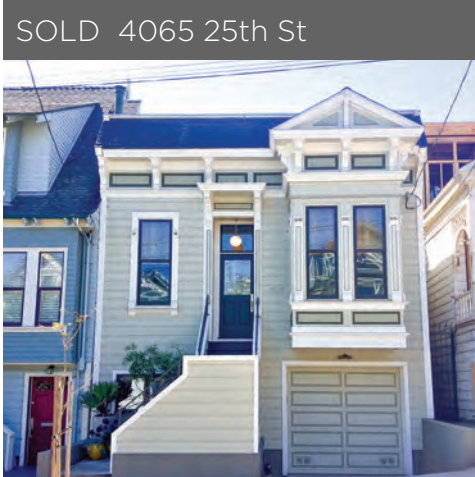
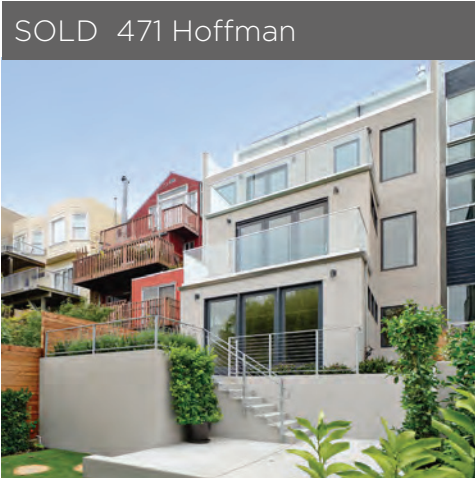
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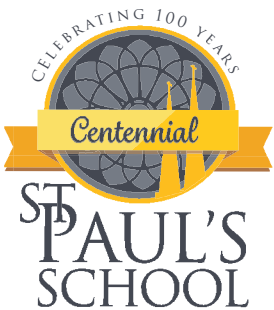


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The Cost of Living in Noe

October Overbids a Little Less ‘Over’

By Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley home shoppers took their foot off the gas pedal this fall, buying far fewer single-family homes and condominiums than they did a year ago.

Buyers purchased 12 detached homes in October, a strong monthly total but still a third less than the 18 sales recorded during the same month last year, according to data provided to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. (There were seven sales in September of this year.)

The falloff in condominium activity was even more dramatic. Only three units sold during the month—an 83 percent decline from the previous October, when buyers picked up keys to 18 condos.

With 15 combined home and condo sales, it was the third consecutive month that residential sales had dropped. October also marked the third monthly decline, albeit a modest one, in the value of newly sold homes.

Buyers Can Be Choosy

The October data revealed a subtle shift toward a market friendlier to buyers—thanks to a surfeit of properties for sale. With more inventory, buyers felt less pressure to grab the first property they



The most expensive home sold in the area in October was a four-bedroom Edwardian on San Jose Avenue, conveniently located near BART and tech shuttle stops. The sales price was \$3.8 million—\$800,000 more than the asking price.

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						
October 2015	12	\$1,250,000	\$3,800,000	\$2,201,375	22	113%
September 2015	7	\$1,400,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,212,857	13	122%
October 2014	18	\$1,125,000	\$4,895,000	\$2,146,222	19	112%
Condominiums						
October 2015	3	\$975,500	\$1,680,000	\$1,311,833	15	112%
September 2015	11	\$595,000	\$2,250,000	\$1,303,909	32	109%
October 2014	15	\$610,000	\$1,705,000	\$1,178,367	26	118%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
October 2015	3	\$1,500,000	\$2,300,000	\$1,841,667	26	122%
September 2015	6	\$1,075,000	\$3,300,000	\$1,855,000	58	113%
October 2014	6	\$1,375,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,057,500	34	109%
5+-unit buildings						
October 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—
September 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—
October 2014	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. NVV 12/2015



Sweeping views of San Francisco and the East Bay made this condominium on Fountain Street an easy sell. The top-floor, two-bedroom, two-bath unit fetched \$1,680,000. Photos by Corrie M. Anders

sold the home that she’d shared for nearly 50 years with her late husband, artist Mark Adams.)

Top Sellers

A home on the Noe Valley–Mission District border, an area that is becoming increasingly popular, was the most expensive property sold in October. The four-bedroom, 2.5-bath dwelling is located on the 200 block of San Jose Avenue between 24th and 25th streets—a short walk from BART and commuter shuttle stops. “So it is an attractive location,” Kostick noted. “Ten years ago, it was not considered a prime location.”

Buyers paid \$3.8 million for the property—\$805,000, or 27 percent, more than the \$2,995,000 asking price.

The 3,135-square-foot Edwardian, originally built in 1916, had been renovated, but some period details were kept, including its “Classical Revival” facade, arched windows, and rich wood moldings. The house sports a deck, a spacious yard, and parking for one car.

The most expensive condo sold in October was a three-bedroom, two-bath unit in the first block of Fountain Street near 25th Street. The hillside home closed escrow at \$1,680,000—12.4 percent above the original price (\$1,495,000).

Built in 2002, the contemporary condo occupies the top floor of a two-unit building offering panoramic views of downtown San Francisco and the East Bay. It also has a deck, patio, and one-car garage. ■

Noe Valley Rents**					
Unit	No. in Sample	Range November 2015	Average November 2015	Average October 2015	Average November 2014
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** This survey is based on a sample of 121 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist from Oct. 29 to Nov. 12, 2015. NVV 12/2015

saw and owners reduced prices to attract more interest.

“People are being more selective,” said Zephyr president Randall Kostick. “The supply has increased, resulting in lower sales prices and lower overbids.”

In July, for example, buyers, caught up in heated competition, paid an average 18 percent more than the sellers’ asking price. They overpaid by 12 percent in August, though the figure bungeed to 22 percent in September before resuming its downward trend in October to 13 percent.

“We’re still above 100 percent” in what buyers paid beyond the asking price, “but it has dropped dramatically in the last three months,” Kostick said.

The average home sold for \$2,201,000 in October, compared to \$2,213,000 in September and \$2,570,000 in August.

‘Firehouse’ for Sale Again

The drop in values occurred as buyers chose more residential properties in the middle range—\$2 million to \$3 million—and shied away from luxury homes, costing \$4 million and up.

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Food Drives in December

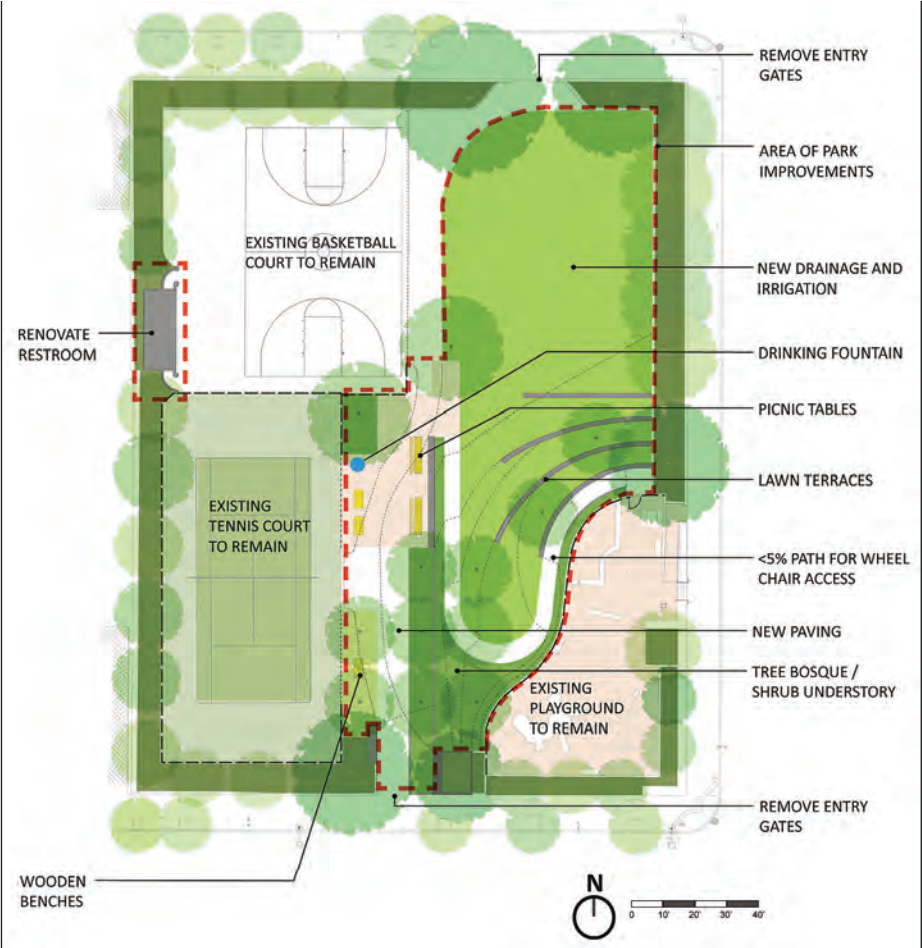
There are special opportunities this time of year to give food to the hungry and toys to children who otherwise wouldn't receive any. In Noe Valley, you can donate food and money through Christmas at Whole Foods Market. Help fill two San Francisco–Marin Food Bank barrels located near the right entrance to the store, at 3950 24th St. At the register, you can donate loose change or add an amount to your bill for the Feed a Local Family program. All money donated is passed through to the SFM Food Bank.

A second opportunity to donate food happens Saturday, Dec. 5. From noon to 5 p.m., the CLIMB Real Estate mobile office, an Airstream trailer, will be parked outside Whole Foods on 24th Street to receive food donations. George Langford, a Noe Valley CLIMB agent, is organizing the effort for the third year. "No one should go without a meal," Langford says. "Giving back to those in need is very important to me."

At both drives, canned goods and other non-perishable items are requested. No glass containers, please. Especially needed are low-sodium soups, canned stews and chili, low-sugar cereal, canned fruit and vegetables, pasta, rice, peanut butter, tuna, and other canned meats.

Toys Also Needed

Toys and other items for kids will once again be collected by San Francisco firefighters. You can donate unwrapped gifts at any San Francisco fire station. Fire Station 11 is located at 3880 26th St., Sta-



New drainage and irrigation, a new path for wheelchair access, and restroom repair are some of the changes that will be implemented this year and next as part of the Noe Courts Park Improvement Plan. Design courtesy SFPDW Landscape Architecture

tion 24 at 100 Hoffman Ave. A third Noe Valley location to donate toys for the Firefighters program is Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, 4175 24th St. Co-owner Fred Meyer is a retired SFFD lieutenant.

Gifts for infants through children up to 12 years old are requested. Suggestions are sports equipment, dolls of all nationalities and races, baby items, iPods, stuffed animals, toy trucks, arts and crafts, books, and game systems and games.

Gift cards are good ideas for older children. The Firefighters ask that you mail

gift cards, rather than drop them in a donation barrel. The address is San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program, 2225 Jerrold Ave., San Francisco, CA 94124.

Hunger Year Round

Remember, too, that people need food all year round, not just in December. Bethany Methodist Church at Sanchez and Clipper streets collects food for the hungry all year. Terra Mia Ceramic Studio at 1314 Castro St., between 24th and Jersey streets, provides Food Bank donation barrels January through October. Whole Foods donates unwanted or slightly imperfect fruit and vegetables all year. Check online for Bay Area food pantries that could use your help, too.

City Wants Feedback on Schools

A series of meetings, organized by supervisorial district, is being held to get feedback on how city government and the San Francisco Unified School District address the concerns of families and children. The District 8 meeting, the last in the series, will take place on Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Glen Park Elementary School, 151 Lippard Ave.

District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener and officials from the school district and three city agencies—the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families; the Office of Early Care and Education; and the

Mayor's Our Children, Our Families Council—will be on hand to hear what residents have to say.

Under discussion may be recent or proposed changes to the public school curriculum, including removing advanced math tracks and honors classes, reconsidering the gifted program, and changing the curriculum at Lowell High School, listed as one of the top 50 public high schools in the country.

Food, childcare, and interpretative services in Spanish and Chinese will be offered at the event. If you need interpretation services in a language other than Spanish or Chinese, email Emily Davis at Emily.Davis@dcyf.org at least 48 hours before the meeting.

New Work on Noe Courts

Work has begun on the renovation of Noe Courts at Douglass and 24th streets, as reported last September in the Rumors column of the *Voice*.

First phase of the project: the bathrooms. The Art Deco restroom facilities will be renovated by mid-December, according to project manager Marvin Yee of the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department.

In Phase II, coming next spring, a new entrance to the park will be built from the children's playground in the southeast corner, with a sidewalk proceeding along the playground boundary through the trees in a gradual rise accessible to wheelchairs. Gates will be removed from the two existing entrances, on the north and south sides of the park, so entry will be easier. The perimeter grove of trees will be expanded, with smaller shrubs planted beneath them.

Lawn terraces will be built up the slope from the playground—for seating, sunbathing, and other people activities. The paved area near the basketball and tennis courts will be resurfaced, new drinking fountains installed, and picnic tables set up. Most important, the main grassy area will be re-sodded after a new irrigation and drainage system is installed.

According to Yee, work on Phase II should be finished by "the end of 2016." It will progress Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. No street closure will be required. For more information, go to <http://sfrecpark.org/project/noe-courts-park-improvement-plan>.

Garden Tour Seeds Planted

Friends of Noe Valley, the local neighborhood association, is looking for host gardens for the 2016 Noe Valley Garden Tour this June.

Linda Lockyer, the garden tour team leader, says, "Gardens of any size and any style are welcome." She adds that the

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gardens must be accessible from the street, not through the host's home.

You can nominate your garden, a neighbor's, or a friend's in Noe Valley by emailing a description of the garden, its address, and contact information (for the host) to lindalockyer3@gmail.com. Lockyer says the garden tour team will begin looking at gardens in January.

FONV makes a donation each year from the Noe Valley Garden Tour proceeds to neighborhood beautification. Past donations have been made to trees and flowers along 24th Street, landscaping at the Upper Noe Recreation Center, and renovation of the garden at the Noe Valley Library.

Madhur Jaffrey at Omnivore for Food

In 1973, Madhur Jaffrey, an Indian film actress, published her first cookbook in the United States. In 2006, that book, *Invitation to Indian Cooking*, was inducted into the Cookbook Hall of Fame by the prestigious James Beard Awards. In between, Jaffrey is credited with having introduced Indian cooking to a wider audience in our country. Her succeeding books won Beard awards six times for best cookbook of the year or best international cookbook.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8, Jaffrey will be in Noe Valley talking about her latest cookbook, *Vegetarian India: A Journey Through the Best of Indian Home Cooking* from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Omnivore Books on Food. Recipes examples from the book, which costs \$25, include Mangoes Mumtaz, Punjabi-style Beets With Ginger, and Flattened Rice With Cauliflower.

Omnivore is located at 3885A Cesar Chavez St., just east of Church Street. The event is free and open to the public.

Eth-Noh-Tec Dances Singkil

The San Francisco Chamber Orchestra will present the "Legend of Singkil" Saturday, Jan. 30, 2 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. Admission is free. This is the second of three family concerts presented at the Ministry by the SFCO. Joining the orchestra will be the Eth-Noh-Tec Ensemble, which will dance and tell Asian folk tales.

Singkil is a traditional Filipino dance. It tells the story of Princess Gandingan. While she was walking in the forest, fairies created an earthquake, felling trees



The San Francisco City Guides who specialize in Noe Valley history are (l to r) Leslie Finley, Dennis Gregg, Judy Stevens, Pamela Dekema, and Sue Walsh (tour coordinator). You can take their free walking tour on first and third Sundays throughout the year. Photo by Sally Smith

and causing a rockslide. The princess persevered, however, avoiding the obstacles in her path.

Eth-Noh-Tec is a performing arts group founded in 1982 by co-directors Nancy Wang and Robert Kikuchi-Ynigo. In its dance and music, the company strives to fuse the ancient with the contemporary, east with west. More information is available at ethnohtec.org.

Find out more about the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra at thesfco.org.

In the Tracks of the Cable Car

Until the 1940s, you could take a cable car to and from Noe Valley. It ran from 26th and Castro streets over the hill through Eureka Valley to Market Street. Twenty-sixth Street was a cable-car turnaround, like the one at Powell and Market but without the tourists. The Walgreens at Castro and Jersey was the cable-car barn. In 1941, the Noe Valley cable car was replaced by electric buses in an extension of the 24-Divisadero bus line.

These are the kind of fun facts you'll learn by taking the San Francisco City Guides free walking tour of Noe Valley. Two walks are scheduled each month, on first and third Sundays. In December, it's Dec. 6 and 20. In January, Jan. 3 and 17. Meet at 1:30 p.m. outside the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey St., between Castro and Diamond streets. Be sure to dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes. The tour lasts two hours.

City Guides is a non-profit organization founded in 1978 with over 200 trained volunteer guides leading tours all over San Francisco each month. The Noe Valley tours are coordinated by volunteer

Sue Walsh. For more information and more tours, go to sfcityguides.org.

Help Design Christopher Playground

The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department will hold the second of a series of public meetings on proposed improvements to Christopher Playground on Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m. to noon, in the community room at the San Francisco Police Academy, 350 Amber Drive.

Topics for discussion will be new play structures, playground surfacing, signage, benches and picnic tables, new walkways and landscaping, dog issues, and accessibility improvements at the seven-acre park, located behind the Diamond Heights Shopping Center.

Construction on the \$2.8 million project is scheduled to start in summer 2017. For information, call Matt Jasmin, assistant project manager, at 415-581-2552, or email him at Matt.Jasmin@sfgov.org. You can also see details of the proposed work at <http://sfrecpark.org/project/george-christopher-playground-improvement-project/>.

Pianist Sarah Cahill Plays Music Series

Pianist, radio host, and teacher Sarah Cahill will perform contemporary and Baroque chaconnes and passacaglias in the Noe Valley Chamber Music series Sunday, Jan. 17, at 4 p.m. Cahill will play works by composers Sofia Gubaidulina and Elizabeth Jacquet de la Guerre, among others. An artist talk at 3:15 p.m. will precede the concert. Tickets are available ahead of time for \$25 and at the door for \$30. Go to nvcm.org for ticket purchase. The concert will be held at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

A chaconne is a musical form using continuous variation, usually in triple meter and a major key and generally characterized by a short, repeating bass line or harmonic progression. The passacaglia is often, but not always, based on a bass-ostinato and written in triple meter as well. Bach, Brahms, and Benjamin Britten are among composers of chaconnes. Copland, Shostakovich, and Alban Berg wrote noted passacaglias.

Cahill, besides performing at piano recitals, hosts *Revolutions Per Minute* Sunday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m., on local radio station KALW-FM and teaches piano at the San Francisco Conservatory.

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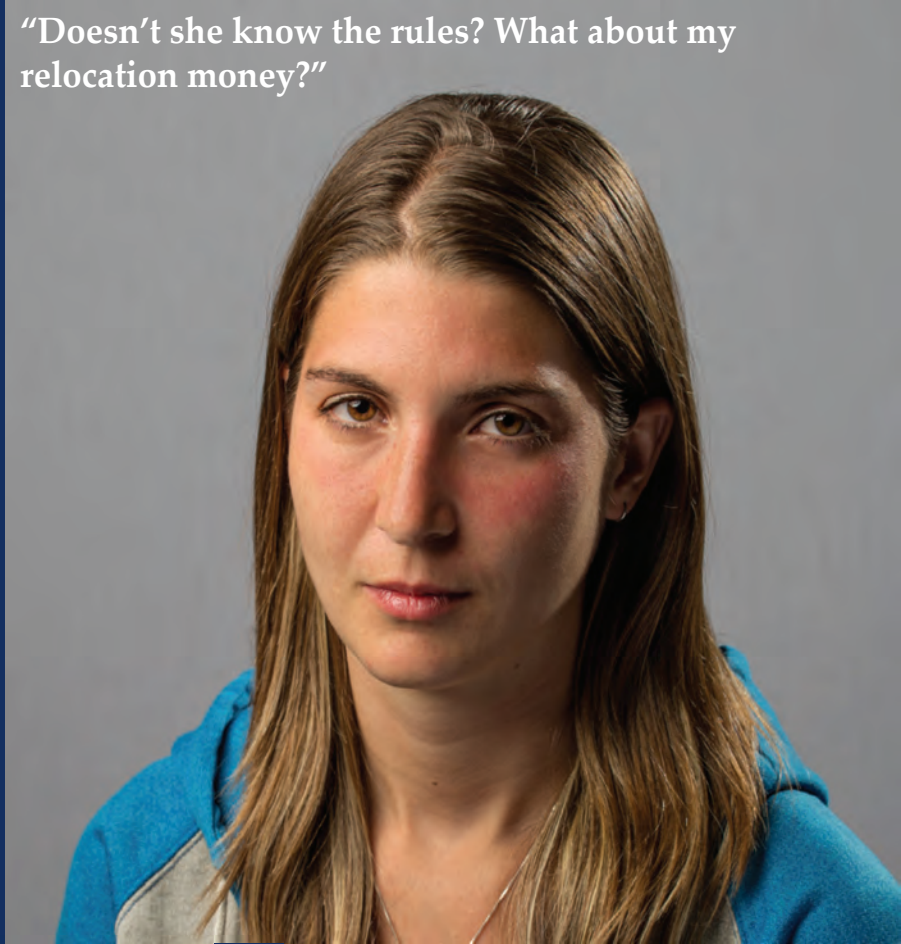
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A new corner store in Noe Valley aims to be a good neighbor, selling locally made foods, stocking staples like milk and eggs, and hosting fundraisers to benefit San Franciscans.

Neighbor's Corner, located at 499 Douglass St., serves grab-to-go prepared salads and sushi rolls made by local chefs, espresso drinks made from beans roasted by San Francisco-based Andytown Coffee Roasters, and several flavors of Frozen Kuhsterd, which began as a Bay Area food truck in 2011.

The store also offers 567 Granola by Steep Hill Foods, made by a resident who lives two blocks away. A 10 oz. bag of the 100 percent organic granola costs \$14.50, or \$4 for a bowl served with milk. June Taylor marmalades and syrups (\$12 for a 7.5 oz. bottle) are stocked as well, as are flowers from the FloraCultural Society, whose farm is in Oakland.

On weekends, customers will find donuts from Dynamo Donuts, a popular Mission eatery, and other breakfast specials.

"We want people to wake up in the morning and say, 'Let's go to the corner store,'" says co-owner Ryan Kenkel, a former Glen Park resident. "We've been very welcomed by the neighbors here."

In fact, the store got its name from people saying, "Hi, I'm your neighbor," and introducing themselves to the co-owners as they overhauled the corner storefront.



Co-owners Ryan Kenkel and Laurel Stewart stand in front of Neighbor's Corner, their hyper-local convenience store, party rental, and fundraising hotspot. Photo by Pamela Gerard

Kenkel, who often mans the coffee bar, is a part owner along with local chef Tim Luym, the proprietor of award-winning restaurant Poleng in San Francisco and the Attic in San Mateo.

Hired by Luym to work at Poleng in 2006, Kenkel always dreamed of opening his own business. Friends who live in Noe Valley alerted him when the corner retail space was for lease. (It had been home to the Noe Corner Market, which closed in 2013.)

In February 2014, Luym and Kenkel signed a long-term lease and set out to renovate and upgrade the 800-square-foot storefront. They teamed up with local caterer Laurel Stewart and another silent partner to open the store, which welcomed its first customers Sept. 23.

Stewart oversees all of the homemade

pastries for sale at Neighbor's Corner, such as a roasted persimmon crème fraîche coffee cake. She is finding that most customers have a sweet tooth and prefer baked goods with sweet ingredients to savory ones.

Her sour cherry and Meyer lemon scones have been big sellers.

"There are a lot of repeat customers already," says Stewart, who recently moved out of San Francisco to the East Bay. "We are seeing the same families every day, and there are a lot of people walking by with their dogs."

To accommodate nearby residents, the shop carries Clover dairy goods and eggs, and other items for the pantry.

"These corner stores were once all over town. But many of them were turned into apartments," says Kenkel. "People are

really clamoring for them again."

Unlike most corner shops, though, Neighbor's Corner does not sell alcohol and the owners are unsure whether they will seek a liquor permit in the future.

The store design, by Aya Jessani of aJI Design Studio, is purposefully minimal and tactile. The white walls feature a Japanese plaster technique to give them texture, while oak-slatted panels line the coffee bar.

Along the window facing 21st Street is a wooden counter made from a cypress tree that fell in Golden Gate Park during a storm. San Francisco designer Hiroko Tsunetsugu handcrafted the window screens as well as the employee aprons, which are for sale at the store.

For the holidays, Neighbor's Corner is selling pre-ordered pies (\$32) and floral decorations (\$60 and up). The pie flavors are apple galette, pumpkin bourbon tart, and poached pear and brown butter custard tart. Ten percent of proceeds from holiday pre-orders of the tarts and flowers will be donated to the Buen Dia Family School and Rooftop Elementary School.

The store is also holding special events for adults and children that double as fundraisers for neighborhood causes. The next, "Saving Birds and Bees by Planting Trees," co-hosted with the FloraCultural Society, is a lecture by nearby resident Terry Oxford, who runs Urban Bee SF. The event will be Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7 p.m., and will feature a honey and cheese tasting. Tickets cost \$55, while a pre-reception at 6 p.m., with appetizers and honey-inspired refreshments, is an additional \$20 to attend.

Neighbor's Corner can also be rented for private dinners seating up to 12 people.

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The next *Voice* will be the **February 2016** issue, distributed in Noe Valley the first week of February. **The deadline for Class Ads is Jan. 15.**

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The Upper Noe Recreation Center will close Monday, Dec. 21, so workers can refinish the wood floors in the building. Doors and gleaming floors will reopen just in time for the start of winter session on Tuesday, Jan. 5.

Meanwhile, registration for winter classes begins on **Saturday, Dec. 12**, at 10 a.m. In addition to the regular lineup of tango, zumba, cooking, and combat athletics, the rec center will host two Junior Warriors basketball teams, for kids in kindergarten and first and second grades. To see which classes are open, drop by the center or visit Rec and Park online at <https://www.sfreconline.org>.

The **Upper Noe Community Recreation Council**, which serves as a liaison between the community and the center, will continue to meet the third Wednesday of the month. The next meetings are Dec. 16 and Jan. 20. Interested in helping? Email info@noevalleyreccenter.com or contact Upper Noe's facilities coordinator, Cheryl Woltjen, at 415-970-8061 or cheryl.woltjen@sfgov.org.

The group **Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center** has more information at noevalleyreccenter.com. To get the scoop on **Joby's Run**, located at the east end of the park, contact Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners at fundogsf.org. The dog run is open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The park and rec center are open Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

UPPER NOE REC CENTER WINTER SESSION, JANUARY-MARCH 2016

MONDAY (Center closed; outside activities only.)

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

1...2...3 Ready (10 mos-3 yrs)
Rec 'n' Tot Soccer (3-5 yrs)
Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs)
Movin' & Groovin' (2-4 yrs)
Open Gym
Auditorium Free Play
QuickStart Tennis (8-13 yrs)
Soccer (5-8 yrs)
Combat Athletics (8-16 yrs)
Soccer (9-12 yrs)
Tennis (18+, intermed./advanced)
Yoga - Vinyasa Flow (all levels)
Open Gym
Boot Camp (adult, 18+)

Tues., 10-11:30 a.m.
Tues., 10-11 a.m.
Tues., 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Tues., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Tues., noon-3 p.m.
Tues., 1-3:30 p.m.*
Tues., 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Tues., 4-5 p.m.
Tues., 4-5:30 p.m.
Tues., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tues., 6-7 p.m.
Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tues., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tues., 7:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Baby and Me (1-3 yrs)
Pilates (18+)
Pilates (18+)
Open Gym
Qi Gong for Seniors
Basketball Jr. Warriors League (kindergarten)
Basketball Jr. Warriors League (1st & 2nd grades)
Tennis (18+, beginning)
Drop-in Volleyball (18+, free)

Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Wed., 10-11 a.m.
Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wed., noon-3:30 p.m.
Wed., 1-3 p.m.
Wed., 4-5 p.m.
Wed., 5-6 p.m.
Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wed., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

1...2...3 Ready (10 mos-3 yrs)
Movin' & Groovin' (2-4 yrs)
Open Gym
Senior Argentine Tango, (55+)
Girls Volleyball (7-9 yrs)
Zumba (family; drop-in, free)
Yoga - Gentle Hatha (18+)

Thurs., 10-11:30 a.m.
Thurs., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Thurs., noon-8:30 p.m.
Thurs., 1-4 p.m.
Thurs., 4-5:30 p.m.
Thurs., 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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

Baby & Me (1-3 yrs)
Pilates (18+)
Open Gym
Auditorium Free Play
So You Think You Can Act (7-11 yrs)
Girls Volleyball League, Upper Noe (10-14)
Mini-Players (5-6 yrs)
Combat Athletics for Kids (8-16 yrs)
Future Chefs (9-13 yrs)
Drop-in Volleyball (18+, free)

Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
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SATURDAY (Center open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Yoga - Vinyasa (18+, all levels)
Rec 'n' Tot Soccer (3-4 yrs)
Zumba (family; drop-in, free)
Auditorium Free Play
QuickStart Tennis (7-9 yrs)

Sat., 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Sat., 10-11 a.m.
Sat., 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Sat., noon-4:30 p.m.*
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SUNDAY (Center closed; outside activities only.)

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Navy Brass: The U.S. Navy 32nd Street Band performed as part of October's Fleet Week at the future site of the Noe Valley Town Square, on 24th near Vicksburg Street. The concert was one of the last special events the plaza will host before construction of the new city park, scheduled to start in January and last through October 2016. Photo courtesy Kevin L. Daniels



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Dec. 1-Jan. 14: GALLERY SANCHEZ in the Noe Valley Ministry hosts “Presence,” an exhibit of paintings and prints by Carrie Ann Plank, Sandra McPherson, and Susan Spies. 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Dec. 1-29; Jan. 5-26: Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

Dec. 1-29; Jan. 5-26: See Jane Run offers a Tuesday RUN CLUB, beginning at 6 pm, at 3910 24th. 401-8338.

Dec. 1-31; Jan. 1-30: Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan’s Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

Dec. 1-31; Jan. 1-30: 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

Dec. 1-29; Jan. 2-31: 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.

Dec. 1, Jan. 5 & Feb. 2: The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

Dec. 1-March 25: “O Glorious City,” Artist-in-Residence Jeremy Fish’s exhibition of drawings and photographs of SAN FRANCISCO, celebrates City Hall’s 100th birthday.

Dec. 2: Make a SUGAR SCRUB and a holiday card at the Noe Valley Library. 7 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 2: Folio Books hosts a HANUKKAH storytime. 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Dec. 2, 9 & 16: Charlie’s Corner hosts a nonfiction BOOK CLUB for 8 to 10 year olds. 4:30-5 pm. 4102 24th.

DECEMBER 2015

Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: The Eureka Valley Library offers BABY RHYME and Playtime on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 2:15. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Dec. 2-30 & Jan. 6-27: Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

Dec. 2-30 & Jan. 6-27: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesday, from 4 to 8 pm, through mid-December. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Dec. 2-30 & Jan. 6-27: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip’s Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

Dec. 2, Jan. 6 & Feb. 3: The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBThistory.org.

Dec. 3: The Noe Valley Holiday WINE WALK, on 24th from Diamond to Chattanooga and on Castro, runs from 4 to 8 pm. sresproductions.com/events/noe-valley-holiday-wine-walk.

Dec. 3, 10, 17 & 24; Jan. 7, 14 & 21: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 3-31 & Jan. 7-28: Attend PUB QUIZ NIGHTS on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

Dec. 4: Paxton Gate’s 23rd anniversary and HOLIDAY PARTY features live music, refreshment, discounts, and a Valencia Cookie Crawl. 7-10 pm. 766 Valencia. paxtongate.com.

Dec. 4-31: Creativity Explored hosts its annual Holiday ART SALE. Reception Dec. 4, 6-9 pm; Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

Dec. 4-25 & Jan. 1-29: The Friday-night JAZZ series continues at Bird & Beckett with artists Don Prell, Jimmy Ryan, and the Third Quartet. 5:30-8 pm. 653 Chenery. 586-3733; birdbeckett.com.

Dec. 4-25 & Jan. 1-29: Shout “BINGO!” at St. Paul’s on Friday nights at 7 pm (doors open at 5 pm). St. Paul’s Parish Hall, 221 Valley. 648-7538.



Holiday Piñata Making Workshop at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, December 5th and 12th. \$15 each Saturday.

Dec. 4-25 & Jan. 1-29: Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

Dec. 4-25 & Jan. 1-29: The NIGHT MARKET at UN Plaza features local vendors and artists, live music, and food trucks. 5-10 pm. Seventh and Market. fridaynightmarketsf.org.

Dec. 5: Noe Valley Pet Company hosts a PET PHOTO shoot with SANTA, from 11 am to 3 pm. 1451 Church.

Dec. 5 & 12: Alfonso Ochoa leads a Holiday PINATA Making workshop from 11 am to 1 pm. Studio D, Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission. 821-1155.

Dec. 5-13: Ann Randolph’s performance and workshop, “Inappropriate in All the Right Ways,” is scheduled for Saturdays at 5 pm and Sundays at 2 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia. 282-3055; themarsh.org.

Dec. 5 & Jan. 2: The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets at the Noe Valley Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

Dec. 5-26 & Jan. 2-30: Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you fresh produce and live musicians from 8 am to 1 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Dec. 5-26 & Jan. 2-30: The Noe Valley Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

Dec. 5-26 & Jan. 2-30: Saturday night JAZZ at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

Dec. 6: Olive This Olive That hosts a reception for Noe Valley PHOTOGRAPHER Chandler Lee, and a tasting of new harvest olive oils. 1-3 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520.

Dec. 6: CHANUKAH Wonderland at the Noe Valley Town Square features a Latke Bar, a bounce house, and a menorah lighting. 3:30-5:30 pm. 24th between Sanchez and Vicksburg.

Dec. 6: Music on the Hill hosts a CONCERT by the Gaude Vocal Chamber Ensemble. 7 pm. St. Aidan’s Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive. 820-1429; musiconthehill.org.

Dec. 6-27; Jan. 3-31: The Glen Park Village FARMERS’ MARKET is open Sundays, 10 am to 2 pm, in the Glen Park BART parking lot at Bosworth and Arlington. pcfma.com.

Dec. 6-27; Jan. 3-31: 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.

Dec. 6 & 20; Jan. 3 & 17: 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.

Dec. 7, 14, 21 & 28; Jan. 4, 11 & 25: The Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Conversation Club meets Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 8: Madhur Jaffrey introduces VEGETARIAN INDIA: A Journey Through the Best of Indian Home Cooking. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 8: The Noe Valley Library hosts Family-Friendly FILMS from 7 to 8 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 9: Folio Books hosts a CHRISTMAS storytime. 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Dec. 9: Omnivore Books hosts a DINNER PARTY with Madhur Jaffrey, author of Vegetarian India. 6-9 pm, Camino, 3917 Grand, Oakland. For tickets: 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com

Dec. 9: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group discusses Moliere’s The Misanthrope. 6:30-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

Dec. 10: Adda Clevenger School students perform their annual WINTER CONCERT at St. James Church, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. 1086 Guerrero. 824-2240.

Dec. 10: Chef Jon shows how to make SUPER SALADS at the Cast Iror Chef Series at Olive This Olive That. 7-9 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520.

Dec. 10 & Jan. 14: The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

Dec. 11: The Noe Valley Library offer a screening of the 2006 Tom Hanks FILM The Da Vinci Code. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.



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WED JAN 13	DAVID ASHER • THE ART OF NATURAL CHEESEMAKING • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE • In <i>The Art of Natural Cheesemaking</i> , David Asher practices and preaches a traditional, but increasingly countercultural, way of making cheese – one that is natural and intuitive, grounded in ecological principles and biological science. Includes more than 35 step-by-step recipes from the Black Sheep School of Cheesemaking.
SAT JAN 16	ELIAS CAIRO & MEREDITH ERICKSON • OLYMPIA PROVISIONS: CURED MEATS AND TALES FROM AN AMERICAN CHARCUTERIE • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE • A rigorous exploration of what American charcuterie is today from Portland’s top-notch meat company, featuring in-depth techniques for crafting cured meats, recipes from the company’s two restaurants, and essays revealing the history and personalities behind the brand.
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Dec. 11: The Noe Valley Ministry hosts a live jazz performance of "A CHARLIE BROWN Christmas," performed by the Dave Scott Trio. 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317.

Dec. 11 & Jan. 8: TAIZE service at Holy Innocents Church is held on the second Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. Holyinf.org.

Dec. 12: The 2nd PLANNING MEETING for improvements to the George Christopher Playground runs from 9 am to noon in the community room of the SF Police Academy, 350 Amber. Matt.Jasmin@sfgov.org.

Dec. 12: The SF Chronicle celebrates its 150th anniversary with free digital access to its historical database. 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 12: Supervisors Scott Wiener and Mark Farrell open the new SCHOOLYARD at Glen Park Elementary School with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and luncheon. 11 am-1 pm. 151 Lippard. sfshareschoolyard.org.

Dec. 12: The Eureka Valley Library hosts a holiday themed DRAG QUEEN Story Hour with Persia and Reina de Aztlan, featuring face-painting and cookies. 12:30-2 pm. 1 José Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Dec. 12: OPERA for the People features a discussion of W.A. Mozart's The Clemency of Titus (la Clemenza di Tito). 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707.

Dec. 12: HERCHURCH hosts a non-denominational free concert, "Sounds of the Season." 2-4 pm; Sun., noon-3:15 pm. 678 Portola.

Dec. 12: The Diamond Heights HOLIDAY PARTY features food, craft-making, caroling, and Santa. 3-6 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine.

Dec. 12 & 16: The PUPPY DOG TALES reading program allows children to practice reading to Oliver, a calm canine. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 José Sarria Court. 355-5616; sfpl.org.

Dec. 12 & Jan. 9: Green Mann and Lisa Erdos conduct a free PLANT CLINIC on the second Saturday of the month. 10 am-noon. 30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th. lisa.erdos@att.net.

Dec. 12 & Jan. 9: Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

Dec. 13: Mapamundi offers an ages 4 to 8 kids Holiday ORNAMENT workshop with Lorena Siminovich, founder of Petit Collage. 11 am-noon. 1306 Castro. RSVP to 641-6192 or info@mapamundikids.com.

Dec. 13: PFLAG's hosts an all-you-can-eat Pancake-Palooza fundraiser at Sweet Inspiration Bakery Café, from 10 am to 1 pm. 2239 Market. 921-8850; pflagsf@aol.com.

Dec. 13: SANTA visits Folio Books from 3 to 5 pm, and hot cider and cookies will be served. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Dec. 15: Chef Geoff Reed's Sake and SUSHI TASTING at Olive This Olive That runs from 7 to 9 pm. 304 Vicksburg. 251-7520.

Dec. 16: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads Train Dreams, by Denis Johnson. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 17: Santa and live REINDEER will be outside Just For Fun, from 3:30 to 7:30 pm. 3982 24th.

Dec. 17: The Ingleside POLICE STATION hosts a community meeting at 7 pm at 1 Sgt John V Young Lane. 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

Dec. 19: "A Festival of Light & Peace" features a performance by Bella Gaia vocalist Kristin Hoffman and flutist Larry Kasson. 8 pm. SF Live Arts at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Dec. 22: Ages 5 and up will enjoy LEGO FREE PLAY at the Noe Valley Library. 2-3:30 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 22 & Jan. 26: The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Dec. 23 & Jan. 27: The Resilient Diamond Heights workgroup meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

Dec. 29 & Jan. 26: MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

Dec. 31 & Jan. 28: Reel-to-Reel FILMS for preschoolers screen at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 6: The Noe Valley Library offers a Book Arts CRAFT WORKSHOP to repurpose an old book into a piece of art. 7 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 6-27: Folio Books hosts a STORYTIME for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Jan. 9: Meredith McCarty discusses healthy foods that heal the body; a warm winter soup will be served. 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Space is limited. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 10: PFLAG's monthly support group meets from 2 to 4:15 pm. St. Francis Church, 152 Church. 921-8850; pflagsf@aol.com.

Jan. 11: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts writers Hal Savage (Roadhouse Rendezvous and Other Stories), and Margo Perin (Opposite of Hollywood). 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (rsvp jlsender@webtv.net). 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Jan. 13: David Asher discusses The Art of Natural CHEESEMAKING. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 13: Sally Love Saunders reads from her POETRY at Sacred Grounds Café. 7 pm. Hayes and Baker.

Jan. 13: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group meets from 6:30-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

Jan. 16: Elias Cairo and Meredith Erickson introduce Olympia Provisions: CURED MEATS and Tales from an American Charcuterie. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 17: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC hosts a concert by Sarah Cahill. 4 pm; preconcert talk at 3:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

Jan. 19: Barbara Klutinis presents her documentary film, The Sum Total of Our Memory: Facing ALZHEIMER'S Together. 6:30-8:30 pm. West Portal Library, 190 Lenox. 355-2886.

Jan. 20: Bee Willson discusses First Bite: How We LEARN TO EAT. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Jan. 20: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads H is for Hawk, by Helen Macdonald. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 21: Make DUCT TAPE creations with Sophie Maletsky; ages 9 and up. 3-4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 23: The Glen Park Library hosts a lecture and slide show, "JEWEL CITY: Art from San Francisco's Panama Pacific International Exhibition." 4-5 pm. 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.

Jan. 25: The ODD MONDAYS series hosts "An Odd, Poetic Poetry Night" with Peter Neil Carroll, Erica Gross, Neal Grace, Natasha Dinnerstein, and Kim Shuck. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (rsvp jlsender@webtv.net). 821-2090; oddmondays.com.

Jan. 27: The Noe Valley Library hosts a lecture, "Harnessing HAPPINESS," by Dr. Jacinta M. Jiménez, providing an overview of Positive Psychology. 3-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Jan. 30: The SF Chamber Orchestra and FOLKLORIC ensemble Eth-Noh-Tec perform "Legend of Singkil." 2 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

Jan. 30: Hyunjoo Albrecht, founder of KIMCHI company Sinto Gourmet, discusses the health benefits and preparation of kimchi. 3-4 pm. Glen Park Library, 2825 Diamond. 355-2858.



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New Year Here

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **February 2016** issue, distributed the first week of February. The deadline for items is Jan. 15. Please email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, Noe Valley Voice, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley receive priority.

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WEDNESDAY
10AM

Hanukkah Storytime for Little Ones

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12-9
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Christmas Storytime for Little Ones

Please join us for a very special storytime where we will be reading Christmas themed stories. A great opportunity for little ones to learn more about this holiday.

12-13
SUNDAY
3PM-5PM

Santa Visit with Cider & Cookies

Santa comes to Folio Books! Come tell Santa what books are on your wish list this year and have a festive afternoon.

*There will be no storytimes from December 16th-December 30th.
Storytime at 10am on Wednesdays will start again on January 6th!*

Gift wrapping is always complimentary!

LIBRARY EVENTS

ATA @ SFPL: Experience Reel Cinema: Artists’ Television Access (ATA) teams up with SFPL to show gems in the library’s 16mm film archive. The 1983 local documentary (with 2005 updates) *The Fall of the I-Hotel* plays Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Sugar Scrubs and Holiday Cards: Make a luxurious bath scrub and a holiday card to accompany it, with all materials provided. Sign up at 415-355-5707 or Eventbrite.com. Wednesday, Dec. 2, 7 p.m.

Noe Valley Knitting Circle: Learn to knit or crochet something warm and cozy; materials provided but bring your own yarn and needles if you’re working on a specific project. Saturdays, Dec. 5 and Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m.

Great Books Discussion Group: The Great Books Council of San Francisco sponsors this group, which will be discussing Moliere’s *The Misanthrope*. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 6:15 p.m.

Friday Matinee: Tom Hanks stars as a respected symbology expert who becomes a murder suspect in the 2006 film based on the novel *The Da Vinci Code* by Tom Brown. Friday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.

Screen Time: The SFPL gives tips on using the *San Francisco Chronicle’s* historical database, featuring 150 years of local, national, and world news. Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m.

Opera for the People: In W.A. Mozart’s *The Clemency of Titus (La Clemenza di Tito)*, a noble and kind Roman emperor is betrayed by his best friend, a naive young man hopelessly in love with a vindictive woman. Saturday, Dec. 12, 2 to 3 p.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month’s selection is *Train Dreams* by Denis Johnson. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m.

eReader and Online Resource Drop-In: Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or laptop (including PIN and password) and your library card and learn how to use SFPL databases, Zinio for magazines, hoopla! for movies, and ebook resources. Tuesdays, Dec. 22 and Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.

Book Arts Craft: Repurpose an old book into a piece of art; all materials provided. Sign up by calling 415-355-5707 or Eventbrite.com. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 7 p.m.

Friday Matinee: Allied soldiers are given the task of saving pieces of art before they are destroyed by Hitler during World War II, in the 2014 film *Monuments Men*, directed by George Clooney and starring Matt Damon. Friday, Jan. 8, 2 p.m.

Healing Cuisine with Meredith McCarty: Enjoy a warm winter soup with nutrition educator Meredith McCarty, who will discuss healthy foods that heal the body. Space is limited; sign up by calling 415-355-5707. Saturday, Jan. 9, 11 a.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: The first selection of the new year is *H Is for Hawk* by Helen Macdonald. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

Royal Hawaiian Featherwork: Explore the distinctive art, culture, and history of Hawai’i at a docent lecture and slide show about the de Young Museum’s first exhibition of Royal Hawaiian featherwork; developed in partnership with the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Honolulu. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 7 p.m.

MORE BOOKS TO READ

Season’s Readings

Books on the self-protective methods used by spies, the style of Parisians, and the wonders of Pompeii are among the many reading adventures recommended this month by Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library. To check whether a book, a film, or DVD is available, call the librarians at 415-355-5707 or drop by the branch, 451 Jersey St.

Before you go, take note of the holiday schedule for all San Francisco Public Library branches. On **Dec. 24** and **Dec. 31**, all libraries will close at 5 p.m. On **Dec. 25**, **Jan. 1**, and **Jan. 18**, all libraries will be closed all day.

Want to visit the library over the holidays? Go to www.sfpl.org and have fun walking through a data wonderland.

Adult Fiction

- In Charles Belfoure’s *House of Thieves*, a novel set in 1886 New York, an architect’s gambling debts force him to work with a gang of thieves and killers. Rebecca Makkai’s short story collection
- *Music for Wartime* is partly based on her own Hungarian Jewish family history.
- *Hangman’s Game*, by *Sports Illustrated* editor Bill Syken, follows an injured quarterback, currently a punter, in his search for a killer.
- *The Gates of Evangeline* by Hester Young is a Southern Gothic mystery with a mystical twist.

Adult Nonfiction

- Fashion insider Angie Niles discusses style in the various neighborhoods of Paris in *Bright Lights Paris: Shop, Dine & Live Parisian Style*.
- Mark Segal’s memoir *And Then I Danced: Traveling the Road to LGBT Equality* describes his firsthand experience as a teenager during the Stonewall riots and his founding of the *Philadelphia Gay News*.
- *The Worst of Times: How Life on Earth Survived 80 Million Years of Extinctions*, by Paul B. Wignall, examines the catastrophic events starting 260 million years ago.
- Gary Gutting analyzes politics, science, religion, education, and capitalism in *What Philosophy Can Do*.

New eBooks

- Former CIA officer Jason Hanson divulges his safety and survival tips in *Spy Secrets That Can Save Your Life*.
- *We That Are Left* by Clare Clark tells the tale of two sisters whose lives are changed by World War I.
- A floundering food journalist searches throughout Europe for a rare bottle of wine in *Vintage* by David Baker.
- *The Lost Detective: Becoming Dashiell Hammett*, by Nathan Ward, considers the writer’s childhood and years as a San Francisco detective, and how those experiences informed his stories.

Films on DVD

- Jake Gyllenhall stars as boxer Billy “The Great” Hope in the 2015 drama *Southpaw*.

- Johannes Holzhausen’s 2014 documentary *The Great Museum* shows what goes into running the Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna.
- *Dior and I* features a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of Raf Simons’ first haute couture collection.
- The 2015 version of Thomas Hardy’s *Far From the Madding Crowd* features Carey Mulligan as Bathsheba Everdene.

Children’s Fiction

- Toddlers are excited to dance onstage in *Bea in The Nutcracker*, written and illustrated by former dancer Rachel Isadora. Ages 3 to 5.
- A lonely boy wished for a friend and got *Imaginary Fred*, a picture book written by Eoin Colfer, with illustrations by Oliver Jeffers. Ages 4 to 8.
- Canine best friends Digby and Percy search for a priceless necklace in *Digby O’Day and the Great Diamond Robbery*, written by Shirley Hughes, illustrated by her daughter Clara Vulliamy. Ages 5 to 8.
- Two very different sisters, and a depressed goat, venture into the forest in *Buckle and Squash: The Perilous Princess Plot*, by Sarah Courtauld. Ages 7 to 10.
- An indentured servant crosses the Atlantic with the Pilgrims in *The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower. or John Howland’s Good Fortune*, by P.J. Lynch. Ages 7 to 10.
- *My Brother Is a Superhero* by David Solomons is told by a young comic-book fan, who has to pitch in and help his sibling save the world. Ages 8 to 12.
- Peace activists called the Freedom Riders travel through a young girl’s hometown in *Night on Fire* by Ronald Kidd. Ages 9 to 13.

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Children’s Nonfiction

- *We Dig Worms*, written and illustrated by Kevin McCloskey, tells all about the body, home, and daily life of the worm. Ages 4 to 8.
- One Almendro tree is home to hundreds of monkeys, birds, reptiles, and insects in *Tree of Wonder: The Many Marvelous Lives of a Rainforest Tree*, written by Kate Messner and illustrated by Simona Mulazzani. Ages 5 to 8.
- Be transported back in time and take a breathtaking 3D tour in *Explore 360°*

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Reel-to-Reel Family-Friendly Films celebrate nature, friendship, the spirit of giving, and winter’s magic. For ages 4 to 7 and parents/caregivers. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7 to 8 p.m.

Lego Free Play will engage your creativity (and your hands!) to build whatever your imagination wishes. For the entire family, ages 5 and up. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 3 to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, Jan. 9, 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Duct Tape Creations: Make a wallet, phone case, or anything else you can think up, with duct tape expert Sophie Maletsky. All supplies will be provided. Ages 9 and up. Thursday, Jan. 21, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Toddler Tales: Miss Catherine will share books, rhymes, small movement, and music at these half-hour story times geared to children ages 16 months through 2 years, with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17, and 24, and Jan. 7, 14, and 21, at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films: Children ages 3 to 5 with parent or caregiver are invited to the library’s short films program, which often features vintage selections not available on DVD. Thursdays, Dec. 31 and Jan. 28, at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

FOR TEENS AND UP

The AAC Conversation Club is for teens and adults who use communication devices like Dynavox, Quick-Talker, and Talk Bar, or similar apps for smartphones or tablets. Mondays, Dec. 7, 14, 21, and 28, and Jan. 4, 11, and 25, 4:30 p.m.

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.

Pompeii, written by Peter Chrisp, with consultant Hannah Platts. Features fold-out artwork and a CD-ROM. Ages 8 to 13.

• Children are encouraged to explore 36 creative hands-on projects inspired by artists from Monet to Banksy in *Modern Art Adventures* by Maja Pitamic and Jill Laidlaw. Ages 10 and up.

Annotations by Noe Valley Voice bookworm Karol Barske

BRANCH HOURS						
Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library 451 Jersey St., 355-5707						
Sun 1-5	Mon 12-6	Tues 10-9	Wed 1-9	Thurs 10-6	Fri 1-6	Sat 10-6
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Gemology by Michael Blake

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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

Noe Votes No

By Mazook

WE GET RESULTS: The San Francisco Department of Elections has released the results of the Nov. 3, 2015, municipal election.

Of the 17,576 voters registered in Noe Valley, only 9,528 bothered to vote. Our neighborhood turnout of 54.2 percent was exactly the same as in Diamond Heights, where 6,486 people are registered to vote. The turnout in Eureka Valley/Upper Market was better: 56 percent of 16,481 registered voters cast ballots.

Interestingly, many Noe Valleons did not vote for mayor at all. About 1,200 voters skipped that page. Ed Lee garnered 4,785 votes, while Francisco Herrera gathered 1,385. The next runner-up, Amy Farah Weiss, got 1,125 votes, and Stuart Schuffman snagged 900. There were 97 write-ins.

The final vote tally for sheriff was Vicki Hennessy 5,875, Ross Mirkarimi 2,568. A blow-out.

Perhaps the two most watched local measures were propositions F and I. Prop. F would have limited short-term rentals of housing units to 75 days per year. Noe Valley voted it down 5,422 to 4,504. Prop. I, which would have suspended commercial and residential development in the Mission District for 18 months, failed with 5,466 voting no and 3,864 yes. Both measures also failed citywide.

Noe Valley approved bonds for afford-

able housing (A), paid parental leave for city employees (B), controls on lobbyists (C), and the development at Mission Rock (D)—all by about a 7 to 2 margin. We also favored the Legacy Business Historic Preservation Fund (K), by a 5 to 2 margin. All passed citywide.



IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REDUNDANCY DEPARTMENT: As a postscript to this election, we'd like to note the Rumors of November 2000, which published the political demographics of our "quaint village." The info may still be true today:

"Proof that we're a hotbed of liberalism comes from a 1999 survey of registered voters done by S.F. pollster David Binder. His statistics are broken down by district and neighborhood.

"According to Binder's research, a majority of Noe Valley voters are European Americans (80%), between the age of 30 and 49 (53%), women (51%), sexually straight (71%), and renters (52%), who are college graduates (78%) and Democrats (72%). Only 11% in the Valley are avowed Republicans. The bigger picture for all of District 8 shows that 81% are white, 54% age 30 to 49, 58% male, and 59% sexually straight. Fifty-five percent are renters, 71% college grads, 72% Demos, and 12% Republicans."

Binder, a Noe Valleon, was a key strategist for Obama in the 2008 presidential election and spent a lot of time in the key state of Ohio.



CAFÉ SOCIETY: By the time you read this, La Boulangerie should be open on the corner of 24th and Sanchez. Owner Pascal Rigo told us that Dec. 1 would be the day he'd unveil the Noe Valley, bakery café, one of six he acquired from La

Boulange (Starbucks) after it closed all 23 of its locations in the Bay Area back in September.

"I was very happy to be able to open again in Noe Valley," says Rigo, "since I love the neighborhood. This is where I recently lived [he moved to Sea Cliff not long ago] and where I still spend a lot of time, shopping on 24th Street and visiting friends."

He says the changes you will notice are that "everything will be fresher, better, and lighter, and we will be serving a fabulous coffee from Equator Coffees and Teas, based in Marin County."

See you there.

By the way, as you all can see, La PanotiQ has replaced the glass at the late great Global Exchange (4018 24th St.) and put up window coverings. We expect they will start building out the space for their new bakery café soon.



AND A REFILL: And then there is the coffee tale being spun at Spin City Laundrette at Sanchez and 26th streets.

As many of you regulars will recall, back in the summer of 2010, a very popular San Francisco micro-roaster, Blue Bottle, began selling coffee and pastries at a small kiosk in a corner of Spin City.

We first reported this in the September 2010 *Voice*, in the words of kiosk owner Maricar Lagura ("please call me Maricar"):

"We opened on July 10 without any advertisement and with very little startup money at this location because we couldn't afford the 24th Street rents," said Maricar. "The response we got was beyond all my expectations. We were able to cover our rent and cost of goods sold for the first month in the first four days we were open."

In early spring, Maricar remodeled and

expanded her kiosk to include a seating area, through a Kickstarter campaign whereby 161 backers pledged \$19,520 to help bring the project to life.

This summer, she started serving, in addition to Blue Bottle, a blend created by Noe Valleon Christian Ritter. Ritter was roasting the coffee in his garage a couple of blocks away and delivering it to Spin City each Monday morning (see Rumors June 2015).

Well, in September Blue Bottle informed Maricar that they were consolidating their operations to focus on their own kiosks, and would not be delivering to independents like Spin City.

"I guess the word got out, and I had several other 'specialty coffee' roasters wanting me to carry their lines of coffee, one as far away as New York," said Maricar, "and all the ones I tasted were great."

"But in the end, I went hyper-local.... I went with Noe Valley Coffee exclusively, which has worked out just great, since that's what my customers wanted and it's as fresh as it can be when it's roasted two blocks down the street," she said. "Christian stepped up his roasting to two days a week and now delivers on Mondays and Thursdays."

The most popular blends, by the way, are the "Dolores" and the "Spin City." In the pastry box, you can find Dynamo Donuts and Blackjack Bakery goods. Half-pound bags of the Noe Valley Coffee can be purchased at \$11 each.

What makes this tale even more special is that while drinking your coffee you can do your laundry.



DOGWASH: Owners Steve Davis and Jason O'Hara closed their K9 Scrub Club

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last month. The self-serve dog wash and pet supply boutique at 1734 Church St. had been open for more than four years and had many satisfied patrons. They even had expanded their concept to Fairfax, in Marin County.

Davis and O’Hara wrote on their website that due to several personal losses—“loss of a sister, a father, and one of our very own founding team members”—they had decided to relocate to the East Coast to be closer to family. They weren’t sure whether they would open a Scrub Club there, but said they’d love to hear from former employees or customers at info@k9scrubclub.com.

Bom Dia, the upscale grocery at Sanchez and 29th, has made application for a license to sell beer and wine for consumption on the premises. “We expect to build out a bar and stools in the front-window area of our market and sell beer and wine by the glass,” says Liz Rubin, Bom Dia’s wine and cheese expert.

She says the space will be remodeled “after the holidays, and open by March, we hope.”

Drewes Market, which has been operating near the corner of 29th and Church since 1889, has had to officially become EJ Fine Meats, according to Joe Napier, who now runs the historic butcher shop with his partner Eleanor Sanchez.

“Because of things that happened after Josh’s [Epple] death almost two years ago and the business arrangements made with the building owner,” Napier explains, “we were told we could not use the name ‘Drewes’ by the city, so we registered the business under that name, and

that was that.”

Hopefully, someday the Drewes name can be legally restored to this landmark.



UPDATING THE UPDATES: Word comes from our supervisor, Scott Wiener, that the architect’s plans for the Real Food Company space (on 24th across from Whole Foods) have been completed and the store’s surrounding neighbors contacted. In addition, “those plans have been sent to the property owners in Utah, Nutraceutical Corporation, for their approval,” Wiener says. Don’t hold your breath.

The Ark’s toy story finally ended last month, after a 30-year voyage. As you can see, all the stuffed animals and other toys have left the windows at the corner of Vicksburg and 24th streets.

One of the building owners, Dan Sullivan, says, “The bank removed the remaining items in the store, and I will be putting a ‘for rent’ sign in the window with a telephone number to call.”

He adds, “We want a tenant that will complement the neighborhood and address the needs of our neighbors, which is what The Ark did so well for so many years.”

Down the street at the new residential condos above commercial space at 3820 24th, the word from the owner is that none have been sold upstairs, nor has the store been rented. Stay tuned, though.

Neighbors who live on Elizabeth Street behind Whole Foods recently complained about the 24/7 noise of the refrigeration units holding all their Thanksgiving turkeys. This prompted WF to move the units to the parking lot in front of the market. “We try to be as responsive as possible with our neighbors when there is a problem,” says the leader of the teams, store manager Melodie Holt.

It was very kewl that Bill Yenne’s reading of his latest book, *Operation Long Jump*, at Folio Books on Nov. 19 was covered by C-SPAN. The book documents the Nazi conspiracy to assassinate Stalin, Churchill, and Roosevelt at Tehran, Iran, in 1943. Now it’s sure to be a best seller.



KUDOS to longtime Noe Valleon Mike Underhill, who in addition to residing in the beautifully restored Axford House on the corner of Noe and 25th streets, is also the U.S. attorney in charge of the West Coast and Pacific Rim Office of the Torts Branch of the U.S. Department of Justice. He was lead counsel in the *Deepwater Horizon–BP Gulf Oil Spill* litigation arising out of the April 20, 2010, explosion and sinking in the Gulf of Mexico of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil rig and BP-leased oil drill, which created gushing oil for 87 days until it was finally capped on July 15. Eleven people lost their lives and many more were injured.

Underhill was the lead trial attorney on behalf of the United States. In the liability phase, the judge found that BP was grossly negligent and had acted with willful misconduct.

Sometime within the last 60 days, a consent decree was formally entered by the judge in New Orleans Federal Court, whereby BP will pay damages in the amount of \$20.8 billion to resolve claims in the litigation, and \$5.5 billion plus interest in civil penalties.

Says a proud Underhill, “New Orleans is truly a wonderful city.”

Kudos also go out to a recent arrival in our neighborhood, Mark Zuckerberg, of Facebook fame, who just appeared at the dedication of the new acute care and trauma center that he and his wife, Priscilla Chan, donated to Zuckerberg

San Francisco General Hospital.

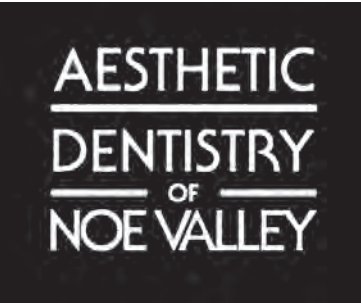
In a statement posted on his Facebook page, he wrote: “This hospital is such an important part of the city. Every year it treats one in eight San Franciscans—mostly people who don’t have health insurance.” Thank you both.



THAT’S ALL, YOU ALL. Have holiday fun. Shop local. Here is a pop quiz. The answers will appear in February, when the first 2016 *Voice* will hit the streets. I know that some of you readers know the answers. If that’s you, send an email to editor@noevalleyvoice.com.

1. What was the name of the pharmacy that used to occupy the corner now occupied by Cotton Basics?
2. Who founded the Friends of Noe Valley? When?
3. When originally remodeled, what kind of business first opened in the space now occupied by Good News?
4. Where in Downtown Noe Valley did Bakers of Paris have an outlet for their tasty goods? Where in DNV can you still get their baguettes?
5. What is the cross street on Noe Street where the Noe Valley Market was for over 50 years, until about six months ago. I mentioned this market in my very first Rumors column.
6. Where was Star Bakery located?
7. Where in Downtown Noe Valley was Linder’s Family Restaurant located?
8. What was the prior name of what is now the Noe Valley Ministry?
9. Where is the memorial bench that is dedicated to Audrey Rodgers, a Dolores Heights activist who died in 1994?
10. And finally, name the artist who lived in Noe Valley and sang us songs at the Noe Valley Ministry with the simple message: “Don’t worry, be happy.”

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Contact: 621-0120
Email: info@capasf.org
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Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association
Website: www.evna.org
Address: P.O. Box 14137, San Francisco, CA 94114
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Castro Farmers' Market
Wednesdays, 4 to 8 p.m. (March through December), Noe Street at Market Street
Contact: Steve Adams, 431-2359
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Diamond Heights Community Association
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 31529, San Francisco, CA 94131
Website: www.dhcasf.org
Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 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: Pat Lockhart, 282-9360; Diane McCarney, 824-0303; or Deanna Mooney, 821-4045
Mailing Address: 560 Duncan St., San Francisco, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Fair Oaks Neighbors
Email: hello@fairoaksneighbors.org
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Friends of Billy Goat Hill
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Friends of Dolores Park Playground
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Email: friendsofdolorespark@gmail.com
Website: www.friendsofdolorespark.org
Meetings: See website.

Friends of Glen Canyon Park
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Mailing Address: 140 Turquoise Way, San Francisco, CA 94131
Meetings: Call for details.

Friends of Noe Courts Playground
Contact: Laura Norman
Email: lauranor@yahoo.com
Mailing Address: c/o Friends of Noe Valley, P.O. Box 460953, San Francisco, CA 94146
Meetings: Email for dates and times.

Friends of Noe Valley (FNV)
Contact: Todd David, 401-0625
Email: info@friendsofnoevalley.com
Website: www.friendsofnoevalley.com
Meetings: Two or three annually; held at St. Philip's Church or James Lick School

Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center
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Meetings: Email or check website.

Friends of On Lok's 30th Street Senior Center
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Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUND OG)
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Juri Commoners
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Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noon. Check website.

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Merchants of Upper Market and Castro
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Meetings: See website.

SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores
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Upper Noe Neighbors
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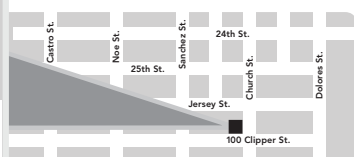
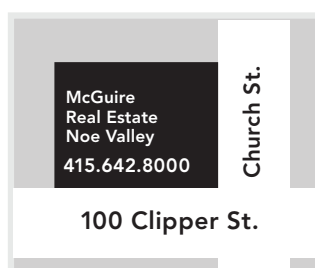
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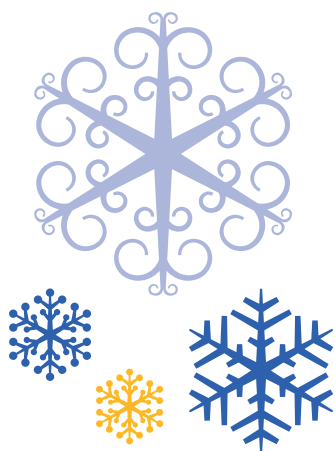


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- December: Letters to Santa, Cliche Noe Gifts + Home
- 12/5, 18, 19, 5pm: Special holiday events for kids at Charlie's Corner (RSVP)

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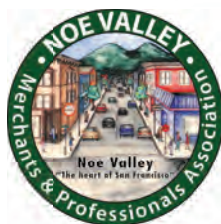
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