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## San Jose Avenue ‘Road Diet’ Hard To Swallow

SFMTA Project Fails to Have Calming Effect

By Matthew S. Bajko

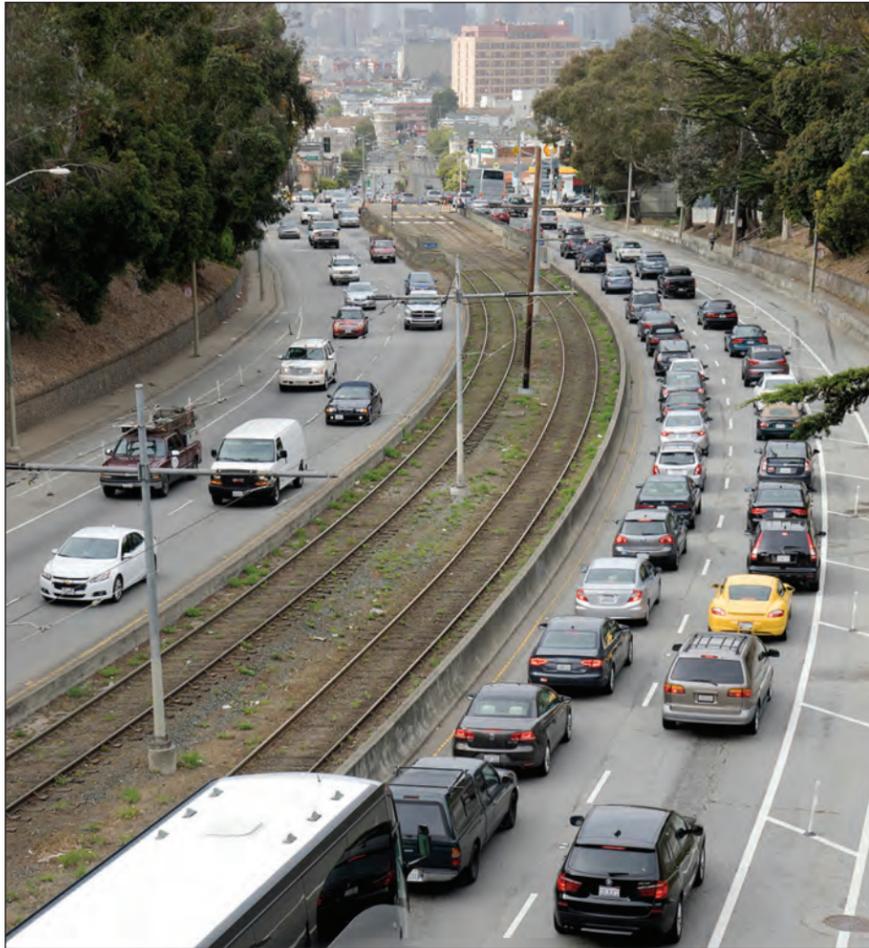
Efforts to reduce vehicle speeds on the northbound I-280 off-ramp onto San Jose Avenue have revved up debate in surrounding neighborhoods about the traffic-calming measures.

Dueling petitions for and against the “road diet” proposals for San Jose Avenue have been launched via the Change.org website. And a number of neighborhood associations are hosting community meetings about the project in July as confusion on what will be done to the roadway has spread.

The route is a key commuter corridor for Noe Valley residents with jobs on the Peninsula and in Silicon Valley. It also impacts residents of the nearby neighborhoods of College Hill and Glen Park.

Last summer the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) reconfigured northbound San Jose Av-

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**New Parking Lot?** A lane-narrowing project on the San Jose Avenue exit ramp from I-280 north toward Randall Street has led to traffic jams and alternative plans. Photo by Beverly Sharp

## No Rest for Airbnb This Summer

City May Try to Adjust the Company’s Sleep Numbers

By Corrie M. Anders

In the early evening hours of June 3, a group of some 50 people strolled along 24th Street, sipping wine from plastic cups, sampling hors d’oeuvres, and clutching gift bags from stores they’d visited along the way.

Their name tags said the walkers were associated with the online vacation rental company Airbnb, and that they were on a promotional tour sponsored by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association.

The fun-filled evening ended at a party in a private residence with more wine, dessert, and music.

Exactly two weeks earlier, at a different gathering, the talk was also about Airbnb. But this time, not everyone was smiling.

Dozens of local residents filed into St. Philip’s parish hall to hear a debate on whether part-time vacation rentals were provoking tenant evictions and depleting the city’s supply of rental housing—and whether San Francisco needed new legislation to rein in the phenomenon.

“It was a pretty timely topic,” said Jessica Closson, vice president of the Noe Valley Democratic Club, which sponsored the forum. Vacation rental advocates and critics “both presented their sides strongly and well.”

As have other city neighborhoods, Noe Valley has seen a dramatic increase in recent years in the number of property owners offering to rent space in their homes through platforms like Airbnb.

A June 15 check showed that Airbnb carried listings for 227 short-term vacation rentals in Noe Valley. Prices ranged from \$99 a night for a “cozy” private bedroom in a 29th Street Victorian to \$1,000 per night for a four-bedroom, three-bath house on Clipper Street. The average price for all available units in Noe Valley was \$212 per night.

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## Shake Shack Dubbed Historic

Planning Department Sends Owner Back to Drawing Board

By Matthew S. Bajko

The San Francisco Planning Department has concluded that the building at 369 Valley St., composed of two shacks built to house refugees from the 1906 earthquake, has historical value.

The decision complicates plans by the owner of the property to relocate the existing structure in order to construct a larger, single-family house.

In a June 8 email to the *Noe Valley Voice*, Planning Department Preservation Planner Justin Greving wrote that after conducting a historic resource evaluation on the property, “We ultimately concluded that the property in question is still

a historic resource under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).”

Residents fighting to protect the structure praised the planning department for its decision, which will require greater scrutiny of any proposed development at the site.

“This shows that people can win out over the real estate speculators when we demonstrate solidarity and are organized to win,” Marc Norton, a 29-year resident of 29th Street and an organizer of the Save the Shack campaign, wrote in an emailed response. “However, the fight to preserve the Earthquake Shacks is not over. We will need to carefully analyze the report, its legal ramifications, and the next moves” that the property owner

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**Enviably Position.** Your *Noe Valley Voice* editors are assuming one of the wiser poses favored by some of our furry friends. And we’ll be doing it throughout the month of July!

Yes, it’s *Voice* vacation time again. And you have until Aug. 15 to get us your news items and tips to help us put together a stunning September edition. For display ads, you get a few more days.

See ya later, and don’t forget to wag more and bark less!

Photo by Pamela Gerard



**Grateful for Each Day.** The April 25 earthquake was a life-changing experience for Lhami Sherpa. She helped feed people in the aftermath of the disaster. Photo by Pamela Gerard

## From Nepal to Noe: A Survivor’s Story

Local Resident Makes It Through Asian Quake

By Richard May

On April 25 at 11:56 a.m., the Himalayan country of Nepal suffered a 7.8 earthquake, with a major aftershock of 6.7 the next day. One Noe Valley resident was there.

Lhami Sherpa, co-owner of Holy Kitchen Restaurant with her husband Kashi, was in Kathmandu, taking her annual month back home.

Originally from eastern Nepal, where Mt. Everest is, her family was now living in the Nepali capital. Sherpa is a common family name in eastern Nepal and a well-known moniker for guides leading

climbers up Mt. Everest.

On the day of the earthquake, Sherpa went with a friend to the movies in a theater on the eighth floor of a building full of shops and other businesses. It was Saturday, a day off for most people in the city. The shops were closed, which turned out to be fortunate. There were only 50 people in the theater.

At first, Sherpa noticed only a slight movement. “I thought my friend moved my chair,” Sherpa says, thinking back. Then, much more violent shaking began and continued, sending tables, chairs, and moviegoers sliding around the room. People panicked and started screaming, but over the shouts Sherpa heard a sound

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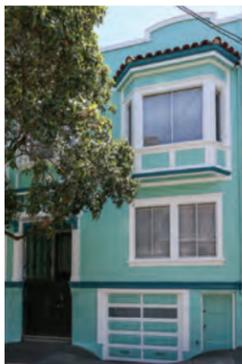
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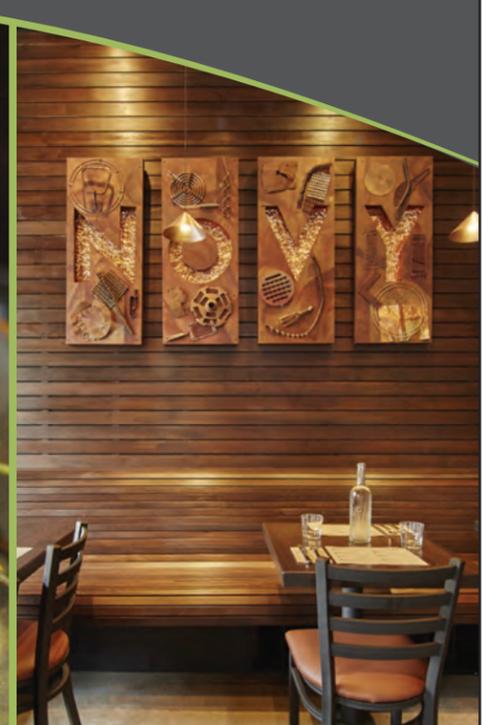
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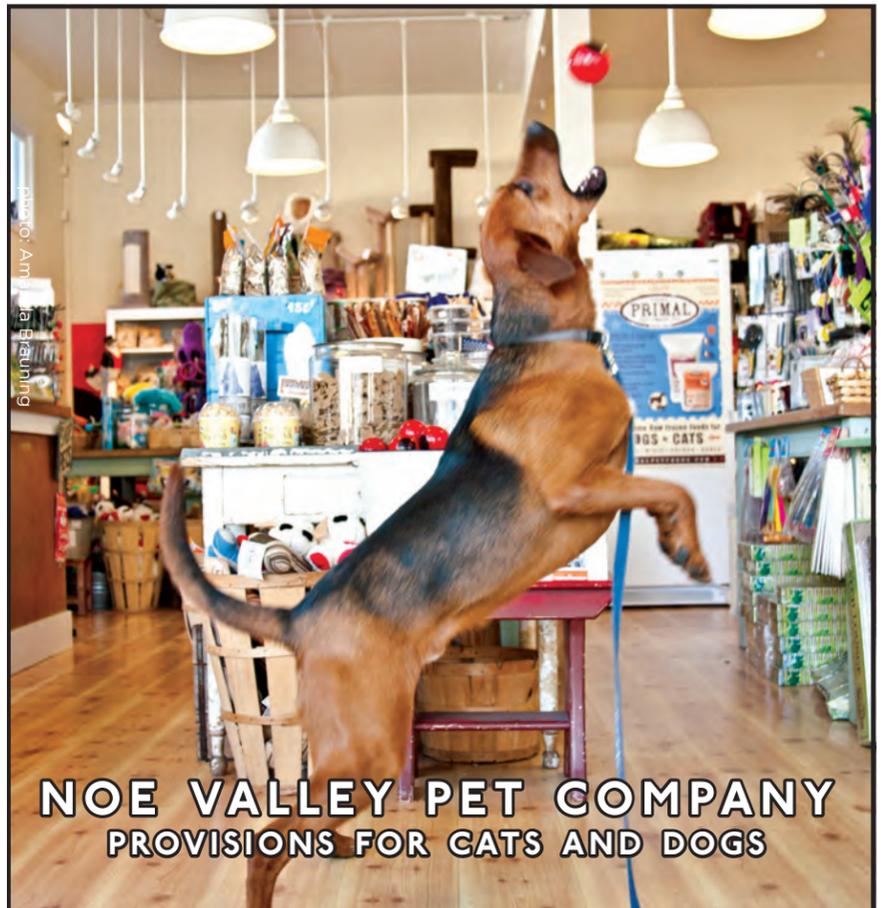


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## Bench Obscures Sign

Editor:

I've lived in Noe Valley for over 30 years and read the *Noe Valley Voice* every month. In the June issue, I noticed that the Rumors column reported on benches missing in a couple of locations on 24th Street.

One bench that has never gone missing is the one in the parklet in front of Martha & Bros. Coffee. This is the bench that entirely blocks the required sign that says the parklet is a public park and that no purchase is required. Does anyone seriously think it is a coincidence that the bench blocks the sign? If one is not famil-

iar with the parklet program, you would think this outdoor space is part of Martha's and that you would be required to make a purchase in order to sit there.

I would agree that Martha's is providing a great service by maintaining the parklet. But the rules are the rules and that is a public park, not part of her business. She should be a good neighbor and move the bench to another part of the parklet. There is plenty of room for that.

(By the way, this is not personal. I don't know Martha or any of her staff. I have been a customer since she opened and I like the business.)

Leonard Graff  
Via email

## Gardens of Delight

Editor:

Here's a quick recap on the June 13 Noe Valley Garden Tour. It was beautiful weather and we had 150+ people tour the nine gardens. We got very good reviews on the diversity of the gardens and our educational seminars including water-wise gardening and container gardening.

We send our thanks to our gracious garden hosts for opening up their yards for viewing. We also appreciate the garden greeters (many of whom have volunteered for multiple years) for their volunteer efforts. Our winner of the raffle was Fraidy, who lives on Alvarado Street and is a new gardener. She won the \$300 gift certificate to Sloat Garden Center and four hours of landscaping labor.

The proceeds of this year's tour will go to the On Lok 30th Street Senior Center for their beautiful garden that is maintained by loving volunteers who also fundraise for their plants and garden materials. My thanks go out to the wonderful committee of garden co-hosts, including Jana King, Lisa Erdos, Arete Nicholas, Michelle Echenique, and Paula Gerhardt. Special thanks to my fellow FNV board members as well.

Linda Lockyer  
Board Member and Events Chair  
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## Open Letter to Church Street Produce

Dear New Owner:

Welcome to Noe Valley and I hope you enjoy us as much as we have enjoyed the lovely convenience and inexpensive products provided in the past by this long-time establishment. I did meet you in the store, twice, I think, and when asked for suggestions, offered that produce might be sold by the pound rather than just by the bunch.

Many residents, having grown up here and used your shop as their parents did before them, are older and individual. Bunches of broccoli aren't really worthwhile, as a single person would have to eat broccoli every day to finish it before it turned yellow and became uneatable.

In addition, in the last couple of months, I've seen many of your prices at least double and they now are the same or more than the Saturday Farmers' Market prices for picked-the-day-before pro-

duce. Church Street Produce used to be fresher and cheaper than Safeway. That seems no longer true.

You may think you have moved into a gold mine where everyone can pay cash for a \$2 to \$4 million home, but you are not taking into consideration the majority of the population here who live on smaller (or fixed) incomes.

Perhaps you could reconsider some of your prices? I'll bet your employees (all people we've known for years and who have become friends) can't afford to buy from you. I will confine myself to an occasional banana or avocado...at least the bananas are the same price. Oh, and please do not buy strawberries from that Oceano, Calif., farm again. They were all half-white, hard as a rock, without scent, flavor, or juice. Another suggestion.

Ciao,

Shannon Miller  
Duncan Street

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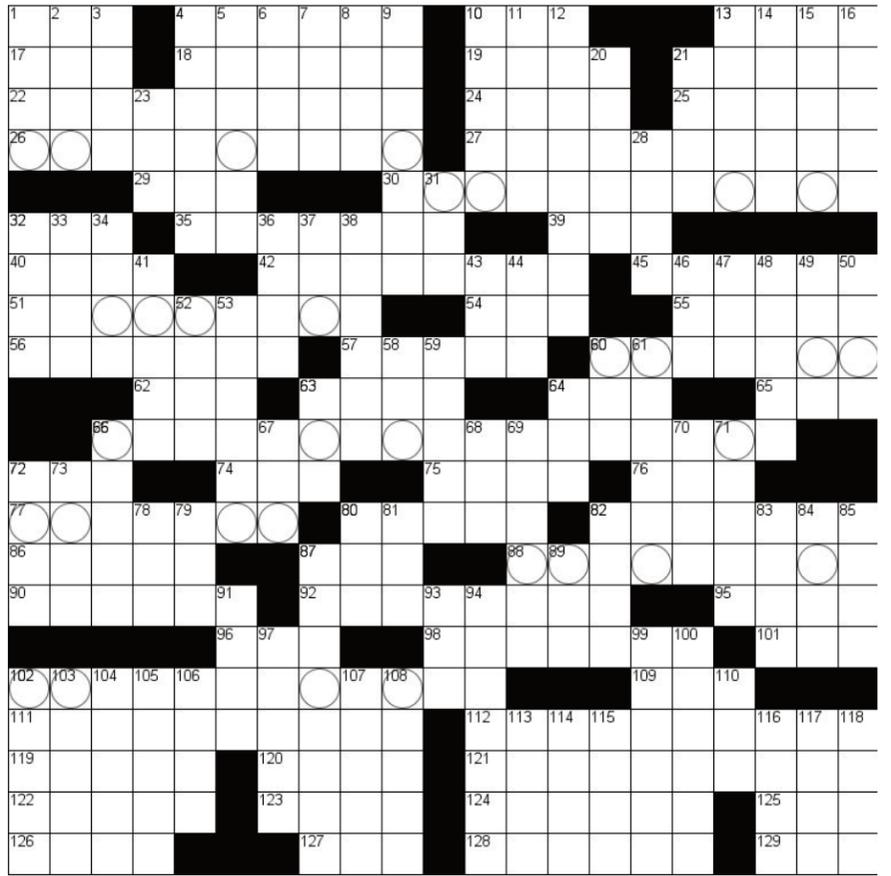
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- "Do, or do not. There is no 'try'" speaker
- And however
- Gives lip
- Doctorate
- DOWN
- Key of Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl": Abbr.
- Pepsi, e.g.
- Naval rank, for short
- Dannon Yogurt line
- Fassbinder or Rilke
- Counselor on the Enterprise
- \_\_\_ Reader
- Make like a lion
- Officially not working
- Latin lips
- Texter's grateful word
- Not hired
- Writer who didn't say the coldest winter was an SF summer
- Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme
- Bemedaled Boy Scout
- "\_\_\_ than that, Mrs. Lincoln, . . ."
- Suburban shopping meccas
- Story spanning decades
- Crusading journalist Tarbell
- "\_\_\_ my peas with honey. . . it keeps them on the knife"
- Smucker's product
- Order at Firefly
- Lying above
- \_\_\_ vu
- Vend
- Pier 39's direction, from Noe Valley
- Turn to bone
- San \_\_\_ County
- "It's c-cold!"
- Elton's john
- Abbr. for a tel. no.
- Give ammo to
- Sly smiles
- "Say Anything" star Skye
- Ship's human complement
- "The Secret of \_\_\_": 1983 Don Bluth film
- Start to catch up to
- Rheims refusal
- Golf obstacles
- Mr. Montana
- "The Kitchen God's Wife" author
- \_\_\_-jongg
- Blue color
- Nixon facial features
- A Stoooge
- "Kidnaped" author's initials
- Moonlighter's main income source, usually
- Geek
- Heath's "Broke-back Mountain" role
- Slightly open
- Perfume brand
- Gamble (on)
- "Either he goes \_\_\_ go!"
- Avril follower
- West end?
- Candy-ass
- Rapper Tracy Morrow, familiarly
- Fiddling Caesar?
- Greeting from a 'Strine
- Befitting Charles, say
- Barry Bonds' alma mater, for short
- Religious splinter group
- Greeting from Fido
- Adenoids' neighbors
- \_\_\_ visit: went to see
- Done \_\_\_ (cooked perfectly)
- Doubleday and namesakes
- Dried beef product
- Old Olds
- Did the last step in making a crossword
- "You have to \_\_\_ lot of frogs. . ."
- \_\_\_ Advisors on 24th Street
- Try the soup
- George or T.S.
- Comparative ending
- Marlon's "On the Waterfront" director
- Shade trees
- Schooner features
- Interstate entry
- Classic hotel on Bryant
- Have to have

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## Lines Drawn on San Jose Avenue

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enue between Monterey Boulevard and Randall Street in the hopes of seeing the roughly 20,000 daily drivers adhere to the posted speed limit of 35 mph. Most vehicles exiting the freeway had maintained a speed of 50 once on San Jose Avenue.

The SFMTA reduced much of northbound San Jose Avenue from three to two lanes and added a separated bikeway to the roadway. But the changes did not have the desired impacts.

Car speeds did not drop as significantly as traffic engineers had hoped, and in some cases, actually increased on nearby streets that connect to San Jose Avenue. Speeds during the morning commute on San Jose Avenue decreased only 6 percent, “a fairly minor drop,” according to SFMTA officials, from 49 to 46 mph.

Also, residents of the adjacent College Hill neighborhood complained about backups during both the morning and evening commutes. Data collected by the SFMTA showed the morning commute was particularly impacted, with increased traffic and speeds on Rousseau Street and St. Mary’s Avenue.

In an email sent to interested residents in early June, SFMTA Construction and Design Services Engineer Damon Curtis acknowledged that the agency had “received feedback from a great number of residents, and by and large the comments and concerns expressed fall into three main areas: increased congestion on San Jose Avenue; increased traffic on St. Mary’s Avenue; and vehicle encroachment into the separated bikeway.”

Because the Phase I changes did not result in more significant speed reductions, in June the SFMTA restriped the exit from I-280 onto San Jose Avenue so it became one lane instead of two. It was the only change implemented as part of the traffic-calming project’s Phase II.

Throughout the summer, SFMTA staff will monitor what traffic changes, if any, result from the exit lane reduction and will issue a report in September.

“We will be collecting data and developing some recommendations if there needs to be further improvements to slow down vehicles,” SFMTA spokesperson Ben Jose told the *Noe Valley Voice* in a phone interview in late June.

### Supervisor Supports Pilot

District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener, who fought to have all of the San Jose Avenue corridor included in his district when the city redrew the boundaries of supervisor districts in 2012, said he supports the pilot project changes made to date.

“I support seeing it through to the end, then making an evaluation to support the pilot or not. I want to support the community process held to this point,” Wiener said. “I have heard from people who have expressed concerns and I respect that. There are also many people who support this pilot project.”

Wiener said he supports the larger goal of returning San Jose Avenue back to being a residential thoroughfare rather than the semi-freeway it is today.

“It was not a highly used roadway. But then after Loma Prieta, people were encouraged to take 280 instead of the 101. It has caused a lot of havoc in this neighborhood,” said Wiener, referring to the earthquake that shook the Bay Area in 1989. “There is a desire to at least think about what changes can be made so it would not resemble a freeway running through Glen Park and College Hill.”

Nonetheless, Wiener said he shares residents concerns about seeing San Jose Avenue become a bottleneck instead of a



The College Hill Neighborhood Association commissioned a report from SWA Architects depicting several visions for San Jose Avenue. In the Loop design (above), the roadway would be surrounded by a recreational loop, with a parcourse, climbing walls, and bocce courts. The Terrace design (below) would be an “agrarian landscape” with rows of flowering or fruit trees. Either makeover would need major funding and public support. *Graphics courtesy SWA*



functional roadway.

“This is an arterial roadway that does carry a lot of traffic through. It is not going to turn into a little alleyway,” he said.

In his email to residents, Curtis suggested the SFMTA could make changes on a number of side streets, including Rousseau, Milton, and St. Mary’s, to decrease cut-through traffic volumes and reduce speeds. One possibility mentioned was installing speed humps on Rousseau between San Jose and Bosworth.

Another change being considered, wrote Curtis, was to adjust the traffic signal timing at the Randall and San Jose Avenue intersection to increase the green light time afforded to northbound traffic. The SFMTA would seek community feedback on any additional changes this fall, with implementation slated for the first half of 2016.

### Clarification Still Needed

Reaction from residents has been decidedly mixed, with some unclear on the need to change the roadway and others wishing to see the city do even more to re-landscape that stretch of San Jose Avenue.

“I am not sure I understand the mandate that they had to slow traffic down by 15 miles an hour,” said Upper Noe Neighbors Vice President Marianne Hampton.

Adding to Noe Valley residents’ concerns about traffic congestion in the corridor are the city’s plans to add bulb-outs and extend sidewalks along Dolores Street, which connects motorists with San Jose Avenue and could also impact commute travel times.

The neighborhood group is hosting a meeting to discuss the San Jose Avenue project at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 8, at the Upper Noe Recreation Center, located at 295 Day St. A representative from the SFMTA has been invited to attend.

“I don’t get it, and that is what I hope the meeting will be about, sort of the confidence in how these decisions have been made,” said Hampton. “I hope overall decisions are not blithely made against mo-

torists and for bicyclists.”

Scott Stevenson, the Glen Park Association’s transportation chair, said the biggest concern for residents of his neighborhood was increased congestion on streets near the I-280 entrances and exits.

“Anything that impacts people’s ability to get on and off the 280 freeway is going to have repercussions not only in Glen Park but all of our surrounding communities,” said Stevenson.

He faulted the SFMTA for not providing residents with enough information about the project’s Phase II change prior to it being installed.

“There is a tremendous amount of confusion among the public on what the project includes and doesn’t include and what are the final goals of the project,” said Stevenson, adding that the email from Curtis talking about speed humps exacerbated the problem. “My personal perspective, as a resident, is why put speed bumps in other places in College Hill and not on San Jose Avenue? It seems like they are reacting on the fly to other problems not on the target street.”

The Glen Park neighborhood group has invited SFMTA staff to its July 17 meeting in the hopes of getting an update on the project to date and the next steps.

“There has been a tremendous amount of work the SFMTA is doing. But community outreach, whether to Glen Park, College Hill, or Mission Dolores, has been fairly poor,” said Stevenson. “So the position GPA has taken is to reach out to SFMTA and have closer communication as the project goes forward.”

### Greener Visions

College Hill resident Rick Mordesovich said many of his immediate neighbors have been pleased with the changes made so far to San Jose Avenue. One area of concern has been traffic backups during peak commute times, which he said many feel could be addressed by extending the green traffic light at the Randall Street intersection for those traveling north.

“I personally view it as being very, very good,” said Mordesovich, adding that the “city’s whole philosophy is baby steps” when it comes to changing San Jose Avenue.

A member of the College Hill Neighborhood Association, Mordesovich said the group continues to advocate for even more changes to the streetscape. It commissioned a report that shows several ideas for adding more greenery along San Jose Avenue, with trees providing a protective barrier between vehicles, the bicycle lane, and pedestrian pathways.

The plans are similar to the changes the city made to Cesar Chavez Street and Octavia Boulevard.

“Most of the residents agree a Cesar Chavez-like solution would be fantastic,” said Mordesovich. “Pedestrians and bikers want to see a tree-planted lane or median between the cars and bike lane because we have the room to do it.”

So far, the city has not agreed to such a radical redesign of San Jose Avenue, though the SFMTA’s Jose said the agency was open to considering such a proposal. Apart from getting city and neighborhood buy-in, a key hurdle is how to pay for such a plan.

“It all comes down to funding,” acknowledged Mordesovich.

More information about the San Jose Avenue Road Diet Pilot Project can be found at <https://www.sfmta.com/projects-planning/projects/northbound-san-jose-avenue-i-280-off-ramp-road-diet-pilot-project>.

*At press time, the SFMTA announced it would host an open house in mid-August “to share information and answer questions from the community at large” regarding the San Jose Avenue project. To receive notice of the meeting date, time, and location, contact Damon Curtis at [Damon.Curtis@sfmta.com](mailto:Damon.Curtis@sfmta.com).*



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# Short-Term Rentals Getting a Long Look This Summer

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Another large company, Vacation Rentals By Owner (VRBO), provided 103 online choices in Noe Valley, with similar prices.

With housing at a premium, short-term rentals have become a contentious issue all over the city, where there now are an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 listings. Airbnb started in San Francisco in 2008, and has exploded into an international \$10 billion company.

In an effort to regulate these temporary hotels, the Board of Supervisors enacted legislation, which went into effect in February, that required registration of all short-term units and placed limits on how many nights certain types of rooms could be rented.

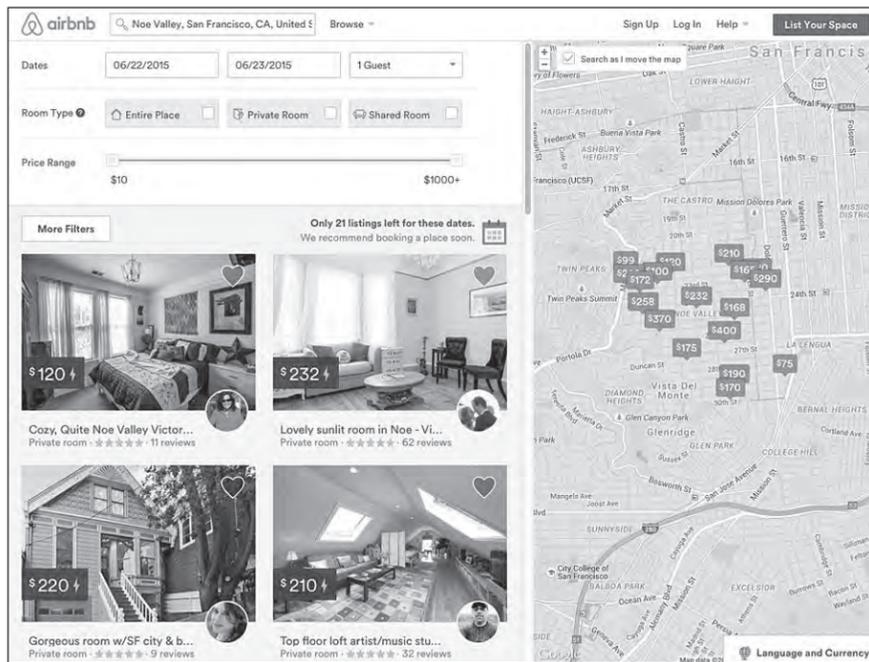
## Home-Sharing Vital to Some

To help counter proposals for even stricter legislation, Airbnb presented an analysis last month that showed that 80 percent of its San Francisco hosts were owner-occupants and that 70 percent used the extra money to pay their rent or mortgage.

Kate and Yogesh Sherwood, who began renting a bedroom in their Dolores Street condominium in 2012, fell into



This is one of the images that Airbnb host Christopher is displaying to advertise his "Beautiful Spacious Noe Valley Home." The price is listed at \$200 per night for the two-bedroom, top-floor flat, which features a kitchen with a "fully restored 1952 Wedgewood stove, custom cabinets, and restored douglas fir flooring." When guests occupy the entire apartment, Christopher stays with his brother in a downstairs flat.



On June 21, when this screen shot of Airbnb's website was captured, there were 21 listings for rentals the next night in Noe Valley. Later vacation dates showed hundreds of choices.

both categories.

"We needed the extra money and we decided to get into it. It was absolutely vital," said Kate Sherwood.

Initially, the couple rented their guest suite full-time—about 25 days a month with a three-day minimum. "Now we do it primarily when we are on vacation."

In addition to the income, she said she enjoyed having visitors. "It has just been wonderful" and a learning experience for their two boys. "We've had guests from at least 25 different countries," Sherwood said.

The Sherwoods did not attend the merchants' tour, which was aimed at vacation rental hosts as well as property owners who might be interested in becoming hosts. The excursion was set up so that the homeowners could see an array of dining and shopping choices and later recommend them to out-of-town guests.

"We wanted to show the hosts what there was to do in Noe Valley," said Dani Sheehan-Meyer, an association board member and owner of Cliché Noe Gifts + Home on 24th Street.

## A Numbers Game

Approximately 60 people attended the Democratic Club gathering on May 20. They heard from Dale Carlson, who represented tenants advocates, and Alfredo

Fletes, who spoke for the vacation rental industry.

"You've got a lot of units in Noe Valley that have been illegally converted to tourist accommodations. You've got entire buildings that have been converted," said Carlson, cofounder of Share Better SF, a grassroots organization opposed to the proliferation of vacation rentals.

"It's not just Noe Valley. We've got this plague spreading all over the city. It's in every neighborhood," said Carlson. His group is pushing a November ballot initiative that would limit all home vacation rentals to a maximum 75 nights annually.

Fletes argued against the need for stricter legislation, and several residents spoke out in support of Airbnb, saying that the income helped them "afford to stay in the city."

Under the current law, owners who reside in a property can share their home 365 nights a year, while absentee owners can rent out their space for a maximum 90 days a year. The rule is designed to reduce the incentive for owners to convert long-term rental housing into part-time hotels.

## Calls for Protection

Supervisors David Campos and Mark Farrell have introduced legislation that might reduce it further. Campos' measure would impose a 60-day maximum on all units, whether owner-occupied or not. Farrell's competing measure, which is co-sponsored by Mayor Edwin Lee, would set a 120-day limit, also on all units, and would establish a new city office to enforce the rental laws.

The Board of Supervisors last month postponed consideration of the amendments until the July 14 board meeting, to allow the authors time to refine the measures. Both proposals have the same stated goal: to keep long-term rental housing from being lost to vacation lodging.

Meanwhile, Airbnb released its own data, which it said "debunk[ed] the myth that our community is removing thousands of units" from the housing market. Citywide, home-sharers on average rent their units no more than 90 days annually, according to the company.

Airbnb also cited a May report from the city's Office of Economic Analysis which showed it would take 200 days of short-term rentals per year for a Noe Valley homeowner to surpass what they could earn by renting to a traditional long-term tenant. When it added its own proprietary information to the city's, Airbnb said it found it would take even longer—240 days of short-term rental income—to reach the break-even point. ■



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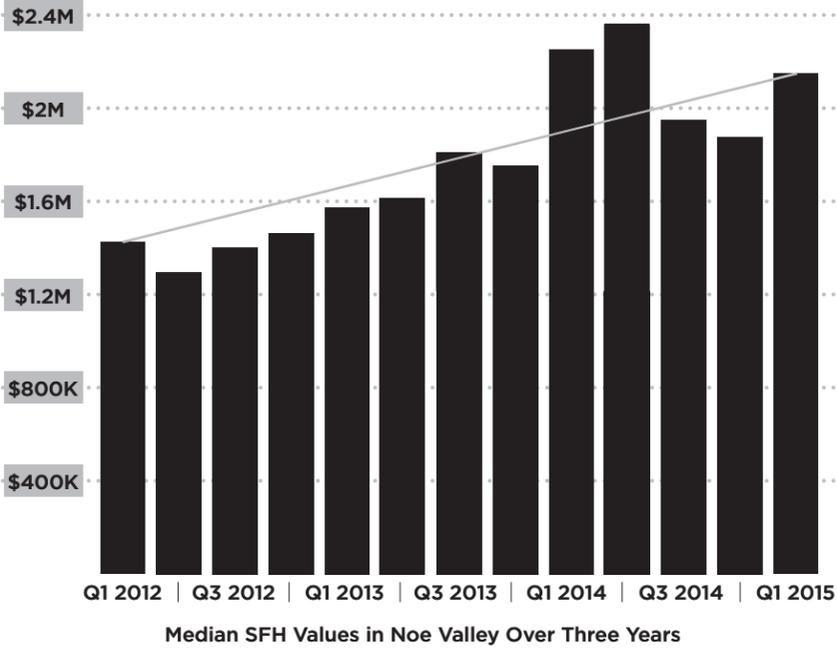


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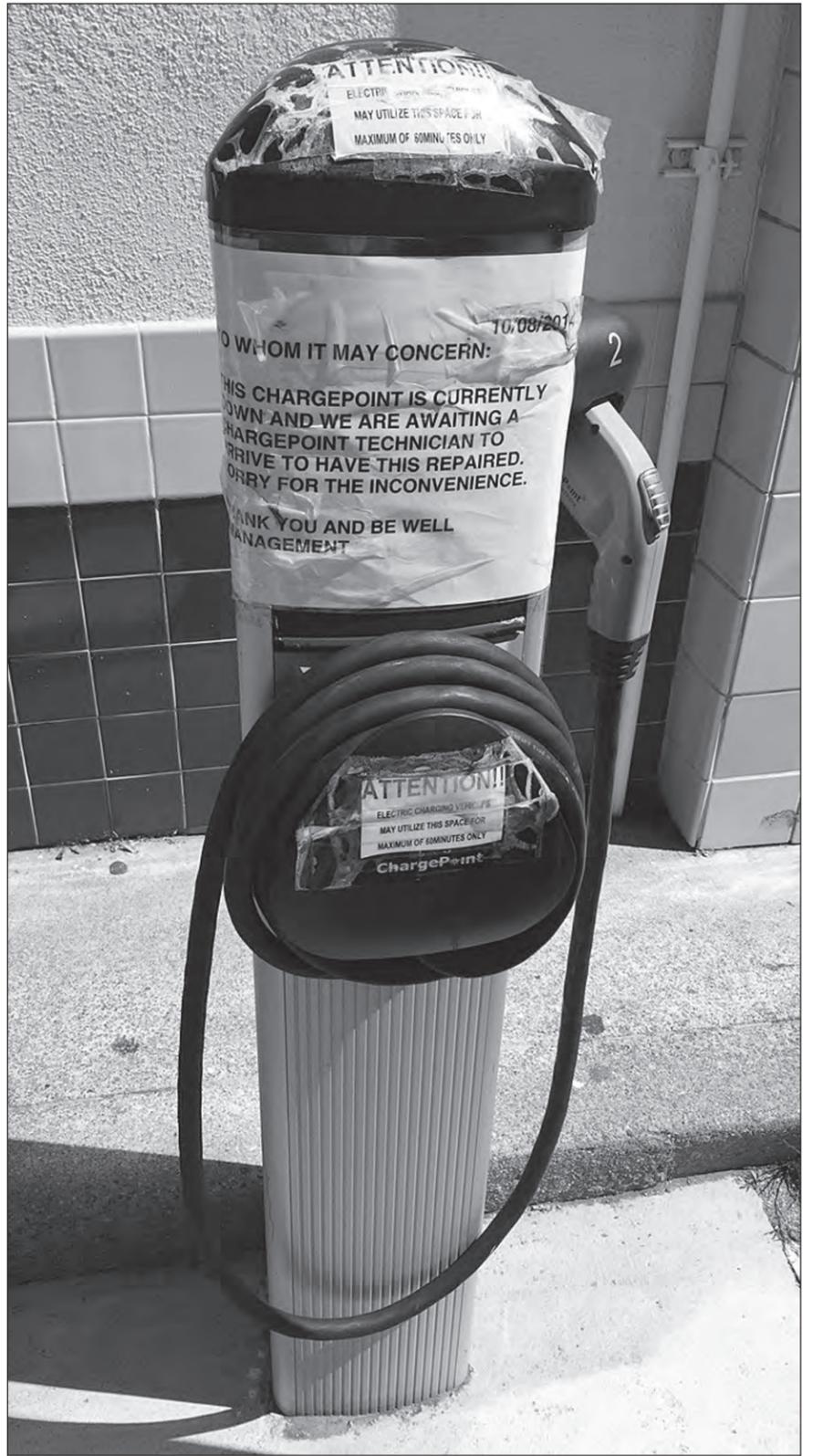
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# Shake Shack Eligible for State Historic Register

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decides to make.

Ozzie Rohm, with the group Protect Noe's Charm, agreed that the fight to save the structure would continue. Nonetheless, she was heartened to see the determination that the property has historic significance.

"It certainly renews our belief in the Planning Department and shows that if they put the time and effort to thoroughly evaluate demolition and construction permits, the history and charm of our neighborhood won't be sacrificed to make room for out-of-scale and out-of-character construction that has become so rampant in recent years," wrote Rohm in an email.

Property owner John Schrader, of Nova Designs + Builds, planned to meet with Planning Department staff to discuss their report. In a brief interview June 18, he said he was unsure what its implications would be for his proposed project.

"Well, it has taken a different approach than our historian," said Schrader, who had told the *Voice* this spring that he had no plans to demolish the building to make way for the new construction.

Instead, he said he would like to either relocate it on site to be used as a home office or artist's studio, or see it be moved to an entirely new location where it could be preserved.

Historical resource consultant Tim Kelley, hired by Schrader, had argued to the Planning Department that the house in question should not be considered a



The cedar-shingled cottage at 369 Valley St., between Noe and Sanchez streets, stands a good chance of being preserved for posterity, now that city planners have deemed it "one of the better examples of a compilation of Earthquake Shacks," dating from 1906-07.

Photo courtesy San Francisco Planning Department

historic resource because it had been moved from its original location in a refugee camp and because modifications made to the structure over the years diminished its historical significance.

The Planning Department, however, rejected both of those arguments.

"Planning staff do not concur with the findings of Tim Kelley Consulting that the subject property does not retain integrity to convey its significance as a compilation of two Earthquake Shacks," states the department in its report.

According to the 13-page Historic Resource Evaluation Response, dated May 29 and signed by Senior Preservation Planner Tina Tam, the structure found at 369 Valley St., in fact, "stands as one of the better examples of a compilation of Earthquake Shacks that retains a high degree of integrity and conveys the distinc-

tive characteristics of these unique property types."

Just a handful of the 5,610 earthquake shacks remain standing, with two found in Noe Valley. The one at 369 Valley has a prominent front gable, a key feature of the Type B earthquake shacks, notes the Planning Department report.

It was combined with a side-gabled Type A earthquake shack, notes the report, "to form the L-shaped residence originally constructed in 1907."

Although the building is not currently listed in any local, state, or national historical register, 369 Valley St. is included in a city-adopted historic resource survey of known earthquake shacks. The building is considered a "Category A" property, meaning a historic resource is present, for the purposes of CEQA review.

The Planning Department also deter-

mined that the building is eligible to be listed on the California Register of Historical Resources because of its association to events that "made a significant contribution" to local history.

"The subject property provides not only a direct connection with the 1906 Earthquake and Fire, one of the most important events of San Francisco's urban history, but also tells the story of recovery efforts to provide housing to thousands of residents that would have otherwise been evicted from the camps into the streets," states the report.

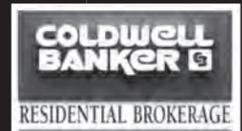
The 369 Valley St. structure was also found to be eligible for listing on the state register because of its "distinctive characteristics" that denote it being an earthquake shack.

"From the exterior, the specific form of the Shack, with its small scale, particular dimensions, low height, and particular roof pitch, are its distinctive characteristics," according to the report. "Even on the interior there are certain features that are most often associated with the Shacks; rooms often feature coved ceilings so as to accommodate the low collar-tie."

The fight to preserve 369 Valley St. has drawn the attention of Jane Cryan, the founder and former director of the Society for the Preservation & Appreciation of San Francisco's 1906 Earthquake Refugee Shacks. In 1984 she determined that the building at 369 Valley St. had been constructed out of two former earthquake shacks, leading the city to initially deem it to be of historical significance.

Cryan, who now lives in Wisconsin, sent Greiving a letter in May asking him to "spare 369 Valley Street from the wrecking ball. Spare the two Shacks living beneath their 'artistic new dress' for they spread goodwill throughout Noe Valley and San Francisco." ■

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## Local Resident a Survivor of Nepal Earthquake

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“like a ghost. Whoop! Whoop! Very loud.” The voice of the earthquake.

Everyone hurried to get out of the building, but the elevators weren't working, so they ran down eight flights of stairs. Luckily, no one fell and, even luckier, the tall building was almost empty. Sherpa shakes her head, thinking of the pileup, injuries, and deaths which might have occurred had anyone slipped on the stairs. The building was shaking and cracking, dropping portions of the ceiling, tiles from the walls, even the handrails along the stairs into their path. Still, none of the moviegoers was injured.

Sherpa finally made it to the ground, to be confronted by a scene out of everyone's earthquake nightmare. Motorbikes and cars were sliding crossways across the road. Bricks were falling everywhere. People were running everywhere. She tried to run, but the ground shook her off her feet. When the shaking stopped, she ran. When it started again, she stopped, trying not to fall. Somewhere along the line, she lost her cell phone.

She remembers thinking, “I'll never make it. I was born here, and I am going to die here.” A devout Buddhist, she began to pray.

Eventually, Sherpa made it back to the family home, which miraculously was still intact. Many others were not so lucky. More than 9,000 people were killed in the earthquake and over 500,000 homes were destroyed. (Most construction in Kathmandu is unreinforced brick and concrete.)

Sherpa credits her survival to prayer and the lucky accident of having performed her annual spiritual cleansing ceremony the day before the earthquake. Called *puja*, the ceremony lasts 10 hours—10 hours of praying and listening to five monks reading from the holy *Pecha*, which means book in Tibetan. “God protected me,” Sherpa declares, citing the intact family “temple” or house shrine as proof. “Nothing had fallen. The holy oil hadn't spilled.”

Once reunited, Sherpa and her family decided, even though their home was still standing, the structure might not last through all the aftershocks, so they left for open land about a mile away. They made a tent out of a large blue tarp and bamboo poles to sleep in. The first night, 18 people from Sherpa's extended family took shelter in the tent. The second night, 25.

It rained heavily both nights, and a blustery wind pounded the improvised tent. The ground kept shaking.

Sherpa says the crowding, at least, was no problem. “We all live together in the family house—parents, children, grandparents, everybody.” Her son Sonam, 15, lives in Nepal, with her family. Fortunately, he was not in Kathmandu at the time of the first earthquake.

Unlike others, the Sherpa family had food and water, but somebody had to walk every day to their house to get it, over two miles round-trip. Lhami realized that, as an American citizen, she could have gone to the American embassy in Kathmandu for help. “But,” she says, “I didn't feel like I needed a shower or a hamburger. People were dying.”

She also didn't feel like she needed to leave Nepal for Noe Valley right away either. She decided to leave on her booked flight, as scheduled, and to try to help people recover during the rest of her stay. Aid flights were arriving from India, China, the United States, and other countries, but the Nepali government was not reacting very quickly to distribute aid and assist survivors.

Sherpa and a sister collected money and bought enough food and water, enough for 10 families—rice, lentils, things which didn't require cooking. They divided everything into bags, rented a truck, and distributed the supplies to needy families. To date, Sherpa has contributed over \$1,000 of her own money to the cause.

If her fellow Noe Valleyans want to help, she recommends the North Face – Helping Nepal Facebook page. She feels they are doing a good job helping people directly, not working through governments or other third parties. North Face is a mountaineering equipment and supplies company, with stores in Nepal—and the Bay Area; it started in San Francisco. Go to Facebook.com/TNFCares to see videos of the destruction and information in the About section on making donations.

People have begun rebuilding on their own, constructing rough temporary brick and mud shelters with tin roofs, if they can. The monsoon season has started, so rain gear and waterproof shelters are going to be needed, along with food and water. The Nepali government has estimated full reconstruction will cost at least 8.5 billion U.S. dollars.

Sherpa returned to her home in Noe Valley in early May. She regretted leaving family and friends, especially when a 7.3 aftershock hit Nepal May 12, but her husband is here and they have a business to run. They own and operate Holy Kitchen Indian Restaurant, 4166 24th St. near Diamond Street. Sherpa has lived in



Lhami Sherpa rejoined husband Kashi Serchan at home in Noe Valley in early May, after a month in Kathmandu. Though they are busy running Holy Kitchen Restaurant on 24th Street, their thoughts and prayers are with loved ones in Nepal. Photo by Pamela Gerard

the U.S. over 20 years, has been an American citizen for 10 years, and has resided and worked in Noe Valley a year and a half.

Even after such a traumatic experience, Sherpa's optimism shines through.

“It was a very good experience for

me,” she says. “We live in a society [in the U.S.] that wants everything. In Nepal, so many people lost their homes. So many died. I changed a lot. I'm more calm. I live day by day. You never know what is going to happen.” ■



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## On Patrol With Officer Bill Ahern

Psychology Comes in Handy On 24th Street

By Gary Kauf

William “Bill” Ahern, one of two San Francisco police officers recently assigned to the Noe Valley beat, has a batch of blue and gold service stripes running down the left sleeve of his uniform. Each represents five years of law enforcement experience. He also has a master’s degree and is two years away from earning a Ph.D. in psychology.

“I’ve been a psychologist on the street for the last 25 years,” he says. “Now I get an opportunity to take a lot of what I learn in the classroom and use it on the street.”

Officer Ahern’s uncle, Francis Ahern, was the city’s police chief in the 1950s, and was credited with tamping down vice. Bill Ahern says he’s glad he too became a cop. With an easy smile and friendly open demeanor, he patrols the 24th Street sidewalks four to five days a week.

He says he tries to talk *to* people instead of talking *at* them. If he notices someone walking a little unsteady, “I can ask questions, simple questions: ‘How are you doing? Are you feeling okay? Are you on any medication?’ Some guy bouncing around might be bipolar. The more information you have, the better you are at handling a situation.”

Not that there are many serious situations in Noe Valley. A local bank was robbed twice within five months last year. “I did crime-prevention training, giving the bank ideas on how it could improve its security, suggesting the tellers don’t leave too many bills in their cash drawer, things like that,” Ahern said. He also advised the manager of a jewelry store to



The corner of 24th and Sanchez was particularly safe one sunny day in June when Officer Bill Ahern was deputizing the kids from Julia Ready’s Growing Up day care. Photo by Pamela Gerard

keep the expensive jewelry pieces where she could see them, instead of in the front of the store where they could get swiped.

Police officers typically spend a lot of their time doing training and giving tips.

“Some people think we’re just big bullies who want to write tickets,” Ahern says.

He and his partner on the beat, Officer Curt Barr, do write a few tickets, mostly to motorists for ignoring stop signs. Recently, they caught a scofflaw on two wheels. “We had a guy who ran the stop sign at Sanchez. We happened to be on our bikes [bicycles] and chased him down to Church Street. He said, ‘What did I do?’” Not all bicyclists realize they must obey the same traffic laws as automobile drivers, says Ahern.

The officers have a patrol car they keep parked nearby. Ahern says he will on occasion park it in a spot that is highly visible, like the cross-street of a controlled intersection. “Drivers see it and make sure to come to a full stop. It’s kind of a reminder: *there’s a cop around here*

*somewhere.*”

The Noe Valley police beat runs from 23rd Street to 25th Street and from Douglas Street to Dolores Street, and is centered on the 24th Street commercial strip.

Ahern tries to get off 24th Street and walk around the neighborhood from time to time. “People see you on a side street and say, ‘What’s going on, what’s happened?’ Nothing. I’m just walking the street. They’re surprised. They say, ‘We’ve got beat cops?’”

In general, he says, Noe Valley residents express concerns about property crimes—usually burglaries—or what police call “strong-arm robberies,” like the theft of a purse or a laptop.

The best way to prevent home break-ins, he says, is “make sure to lock your doors and windows, even the small side windows or bathroom windows. You’d be amazed how a skinny, desperate thief can slip through one of those without being seen.”

Ahern and Barr work out of Mission Police Station on Valencia Street. Captain Daniel Perea assigned them to the 24th Street beat in February, filling a slot occupied for many years by Officer Lorraine Lombardo (she’s retiring at year’s end). Perea says, “The two of them are great cops and good men.”

Officer Ahern worked for the Department of Justice for 25 years before joining the San Francisco Police Department.

At DOJ he worked as a special agent—sometimes under cover—investigated the Zodiac killings, and supervised special agents. He was recruited by the SFPD in 2008 under then-mayor Gavin Newsom’s program to strengthen the force. He worked out of police headquarters for a time but says he’s always preferred being outside, investigating crimes or walking a beat.

Ahern says he spends almost all of his off-duty time working on his Ph.D. dissertation. It will focus on police stress and measuring officers’ resilience and heartiness.

“We get a lot of training, but we’re human like everybody else and subject to the same forces,” he says. “I’m trying to pinpoint when a person has had enough, before they can’t cope anymore.”

Once he gets his Ph.D., Ahern says he will leave the police department and go into private practice as a clinical psychologist, “maybe right here on 24th Street if I can find an office I can afford.” He pauses and smiles. “Wouldn’t that be sweet?” ■

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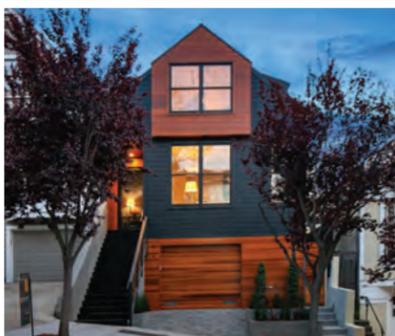
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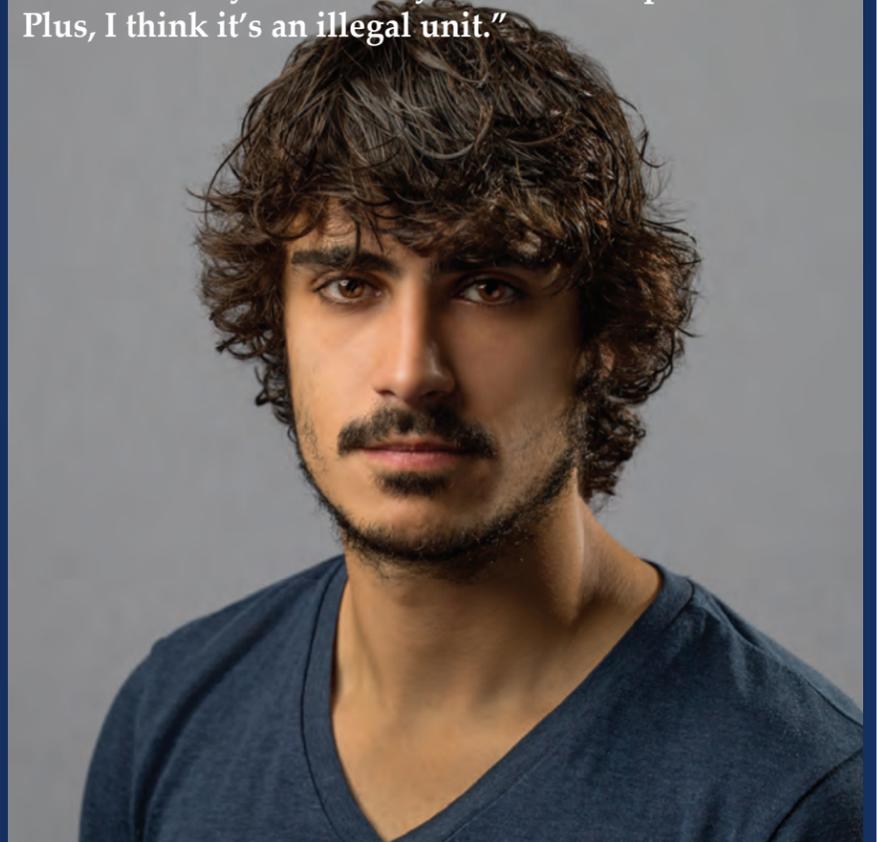
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# The Cost of Living in Noe

## Compelled to Condo

By Corrie M. Anders

Sales of single-family homes in Noe Valley declined from April to May, but matched the pace of May a year ago.

Buyers purchased eight detached homes in the neighborhood in May 2015, compared to 14 in April and seven in May of last year, according to sales data supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate.

Though the increase in transactions year-to-year was modest, the average price of a home in Noe Valley rose 10 percent, from \$2.22 million to \$2.44 million.

The multimillion-dollar price tags on houses couldn't help but encourage sales of condominiums, the generally less ex-

pensive alternative.

"As house prices reach a point where it becomes more and more difficult for average buyers to afford them, they turn



This 1924 home on Alvarado Street underwent a lavish renovation last year and in May sold for \$4.1 million. The house has four bedrooms and three baths.

to condos," noted Zephyr president Randall Kostick.

Buyers in May closed escrow on 13 condos. There were nine transactions in April and seven deals in May 2014.

Still, few could be considered bargains. Buyers had to pay an average \$1.44 million to purchase a condominium in the neighborhood.

Hot competition among buyers also helped drive up prices, for both condos and detached homes. Condos sold for 15 percent more than the sellers' asking price, while detached homes commanded a 16 percent premium.

Buyers paid \$4.1 million for May's most expensive single-family home, located in the 400 block of Alvarado Street,

between Noe and Sanchez streets. The bid was 17.3 percent more than the asking price for the four-bedroom, three-bath home. Built in 1924, the house had undergone a remodel last year that featured a gourmet kitchen, luxury baths, a wood-burning fireplace, decks, and a two-car garage—all in 2,563 square feet of space.

The costliest condo was a two-level unit in the 300 block of Duncan Street, between Sanchez and Church streets. The property sold for \$2.23 million, 11.4 percent more than the asking price. The residence, in a two-unit building constructed in 2001, has 2,110 square feet of living space with three bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 16-foot ceilings, floor-to-ceiling glass walls, a deck, and one-car parking. ■



Buyers paid \$2,225,000 for a three-bedroom condominium in this building on Duncan Street. It was the most expensive condo sold in May. Photos by Corrie M. Anders

### Noe Valley Home Sales\*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
<b>Single-family homes</b>						
May 2015	8	\$1,010,000	\$4,100,000	\$2,444,454	26	116%
April 2015	14	\$1,315,000	\$5,400,000	\$2,692,143	25	107%
May 2014	7	\$1,310,000	\$3,364,000	\$2,222,000	20	120%
<b>Condominiums</b>						
May 2015	13	\$950,000	\$2,225,000	\$1,442,462	23	115%
April 2015	9	\$630,000	\$2,415,000	\$1,394,444	22	120%
May 2014	7	\$900,000	\$2,200,000	\$1,326,429	30	117%
<b>2- to 4-unit buildings</b>						
May 2015	2	\$2,050,000	\$2,600,000	\$2,325,000	12	109%
April 2015	6	\$1,315,000	\$2,225,000	\$1,660,000	34	120%
May 2014	4	\$1,350,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,662,525	21	109%
<b>5+-unit buildings</b>						
May 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—
April 2015	1	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	\$1,350,000	15	108%
May 2014	0	—	—	—	—	—

\* Sales include all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The Voice thanks Zephyr Real Estate ([www.zephyrsf.com](http://www.zephyrsf.com)) for providing sales data. NVV 7/2015

### Noe Valley Rents\*\*

Unit	No. in Sample	Range June 2015	Average June 2015	Average May 2015	Average June 2014
Studio	7	\$1,795 – \$2,667	\$2,119 / mo.	\$2,391 / mo.	\$1,892 / mo.
1-bdrm	23	\$2,420 – \$4,950	\$3,249 / mo.	\$3,404 / mo.	\$2,950 / mo.
2-bdrm	37	\$3,100 – \$6,435	\$4,347 / mo.	\$4,324 / mo.	\$4,214 / mo.
3-bdrm	24	\$3,690 – \$7,500	\$5,767 / mo.	\$6,275 / mo.	\$6,163 / mo.
4+-bdrm	10	\$6,500 – \$22,500	\$11,167 / mo.	\$9,309 / mo.	\$7,350 / mo.

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For \$20 in advance or \$25 on the day of the walk, you get a wine glass, map, and all the wine you can taste, with finger food and special treats to cleanse your palate and soak up some of the alcohol. Advance tickets are available at eventbrite.com. Enter "Noe Valley" in the search and click on the Wine Walk in the dropdown.

Day-of tickets will be available at the Noe Valley Town Square, the parking lot on 24th between Sanchez and Vicksburg. \$25 tickets will be sold until 7:30 p.m., 30 minutes before closing time.

Noe Valley Wine Walks are presented by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association and produced by Steven Restivo Event Services.

## N-O-E Spells Literature

Noe Valley is known as a literary hotbed, with authors producing children's books, novels, poetry, and nonfiction in large quantities. Here are some of the newest to come off the presses.

Bestselling novelist and Noe Valley resident Mary McNear has finished her *Butternut Lake* trilogy with the May pub-



Max Delaney and Heather Combs wowed the crowd with more than two hours of rock and blues at the Valley Tavern on June 17. The duo is set to return Aug. 19. Photo by Corrie M. Anders

lication of *Moonlight on Butternut Lake* by William Morrow in paperback. Previous books in the trilogy were *Up at Butternut Lake* and *Butternut Summer*.

Another book by a local author is *Four Sparrows*, a novel by Daniel Roddick published in April. Set in San Francisco during the Gold Rush, Roddick tells the story of four immigrants—from China, Ireland, Mexico, and the Philippines—as they start new lives in a new land. Roddick is a native and current resident of Noe Valley.

Nancy Guettier is launching her newest children's book, *I Wish*, at Folio Books Sunday, Aug. 16, at 3 p.m., with

cupcakes, tea, and a story time. Guettier's previous books include *Mermaids on Mars* and *Roy G. Biv Is Mad at Me Because I Love Pink!*

Eveline Kanes of Jersey Street is the author of the new poetry collection *A Coin Worn Thin*, published by Finishing Line Press in March. The poems are written in memoir.

Another new Noe book offers exercise for the body as well as the mind. Rose Taylor Goldfield of Noe Valley promises a "Tibetan mind-body reboot" in her book *Training the Wisdom Body*, with easy-to-learn Buddhist yoga exercises.

Look for these new books in the local

authors section at Folio Books on 24th Street and online.

## Live Music at the Tavern

Live entertainment continues on the third Wednesday of the month at the Valley Tavern on 24th Street in Noe Valley. Singer-songwriter Chi McClean is the headliner July 15, and the duo Combs and Delaney takes the stage Aug. 19. Both shows start at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. There is no cover charge.

Chi McClean is a New Yorker who moved to California and now lives in Nashville. He writes and plays acoustic rock songs in a Southern style on the guitar and banjo. McClean cites Jimi Hendrix, the Black Crowes, and the Allman Brothers as influences on his music, as well as classic '60s rock.

Combs and Delaney are singer-songwriter-guitarist Heather Combs and guitarist Max Delaney. The duo performed to a packed house on June 17, to debut the monthly series.

The Valley Tavern is at 4054 24th St., between Noe and Castro streets.

## Diamond Heights Gets a Cistern

Ever wonder what that circular pattern of bricks at Noe and 24th streets is? An urban crop circle maybe? No, it's an indicator that an AWSS cistern lies underneath, with 70,000 to 200,000 gallons of water enclosed within its concrete tank. Another clue is the green-capped fire hydrant nearby. That's the one city firefighters would use to access the water stored in the cistern.

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# SHORT TAKES

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following the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake. Back then, regular city fire hydrants, connected by pipes, failed one by one until the now-golden hydrant at 20th and Church streets did its job. Cisterns provide an additional water source for fighting large fires in future disasters.

The cisterns are mainly in the northeast quadrant of the city. Noe Valley has 12. The Castro has four. Diamond Heights has none. But that will change on Dec. 31 of this year, when the first Diamond Heights cistern will be finished at the intersection of Duncan Street and Amber Drive. Beginning July 6, public utility crews will dig the hole, construct the cistern in place, and repave the intersection. The Bureau of Engineering and Water Supply will fill the cistern and maintain the water level. And Diamond Heights will be a little safer place to live.

## New Pastor at Bethany

Bethany United Methodist Church on Sanchez Street is welcoming a new pastor, Rev. Sadie Stone. Stone, 30, will live in Noe Valley with her six-year-old twins, Eli and Emerson. When informed about the Noe Valley tradition of two kids and a dog, Stone laughed and said, "They wish they had a dog, but I'm allergic!"

Bethany's new pastor comes to Noe from First Palo Alto United Methodist, where she served as co-pastor from 2012. Previous to that, she led Le Grand United Methodist in the Central Valley for a year, graduated from Yale Divinity School in

2010, and received her B.A. in religious studies from the University of the Pacific in Stockton in 2007. She grew up in Winnemucca, Nev.

Stone says she wants to continue Bethany's long history of engagement in social justice, which has especially involved advocating for LGBT rights. "Social engagement is essential and foundational about what it means to be a Christian," she says. But she also wants to reach out to young people.

"At 30, I know that many from my generation have moved away from organized religion, but at the same time there's still a desire and a need to connect with community, and to make an impact in our world." She hopes to create space for young adults to have conversations and work on "issues and concerns that occupy our hearts and minds."

Stone will conduct her first service in Noe Valley on Sunday, July 5, 10:45 a.m., at Bethany Church, Sanchez and Clipper streets.

## Art in Small Bites

Cliché Noe Gifts + Home is hanging two new shows in its in-store gallery—"Small Bites," the work of artist Lynette Cook, in July, and paintings by Irene Hendrick in August.

"Small Bites," which opened with a reception June 30, is mostly small paintings in acrylics on commonplace subjects: a tart from a local bakery, strawberries at a farmer's market, or laundry hung from a landing. The artist believes these "are the little pleasures in life that can... sustain body and spirit." Cook received her BFA in drawing and painting from the Mississippi University for Women and her MFA from California College of the Arts. The show at Cliché Noe will run through July 27.

Irene Hendrick is a Noe Valley artist



Rev. Sadie Stone, the new pastor at Bethany United Methodist Church, has served churches in Palo Alto and Le Grand, Calif.

with a studio in Hunters Point. She grew up in London, listening to her mother's stories about World War II economic struggles, and many of her paintings reflect the working-class hardships of the era and the close bonds of friends and family. Hendrick often uses archival photos as inspiration for her paintings, which are also done in acrylics. Hendrick's show will open with a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception Thursday, July 30, 5 to 7:30 p.m., and will be on view through Aug. 31.

Cliché Noe Gifts + Home is located at 4175 24th St. For more information on the two exhibitions, go to [clichenoe.com](http://clichenoe.com). To find out more about the artists, go to [lynetteinthestudio.com](http://lynetteinthestudio.com) or [irenehendrick.com](http://irenehendrick.com).

## Write Your Own Cookbook

In 2005, Dianne Jacob published *Will Write for Food: The Complete Guide to Writing Cookbooks, Blogs, Memoir, Recipes, and More*. And pastry chef

David Lebovitz bought it. (To date, Lebovitz has published eight cookbooks, and writes a popular blog about cooking and living in Paris.)

*Will Write for Food* was updated in 2010. Now, a new update is available, and Jacob is coming to Noe Valley.

The book includes chapters on what food writing is, characteristics of a food writer, how to get started writing about food, various ways to write about food, and how to get a book published.

Jacob will read from *Will Write for Food* and answer questions at Omnivore Books on Food, 3885A Cesar Chavez St., on Saturday, July 25, 3 to 4 p.m.

## Randall Museum Moves—Temporarily

It's summer time. What to do with the kids? How about the Randall Museum? Great idea but be aware it's moved temporarily from Corona Heights Park to the Mission Art Center, 745 Treat Ave., between 20th and 21st streets, while its site undergoes an \$8 million renovation that will double the museum's size. The upgrade is being paid for by a state grant, funds from the 2004 San Francisco lease revenue bond, and donations. The museum will move back home sometime in late 2016.

The Randall is a facility of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, with the mission of "fostering a love of science, nature, and the arts" through hands-on activities and events. The temporary site will still present the popular live animal exhibit and offer a wide array of activities and events. Check [randallmuseum.org](http://randallmuseum.org) for up-to-date information. Admission to the museum is free.

*This month's Short Takes were compiled and written by Richard May.*

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Sharon and David Castellanos took to the air over Goreme in the Cappadocia region of Turkey. Distracted by the view from their gondola, they may have not read their hometown newspaper all the way through.



Former Noe Valley Voice senior editor Bill Yard wrestled with his newspaper due to being in the Southern Hemisphere. He now resides in Quito, Ecuador with his wife Victoria Eugenia C ndor Yard. So far they've remained at a safe distance from the friendly neighborhood active volcano Volc n Cotopaxi (in the background).



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## Two Corner Bars Change Hands

By Corrie M. Anders

Two popular Noe Valley watering holes, which changed ownership less than three years ago, have been sold once again.

The changes took place last month at Dolores Corner, a saloon at 1600 Dolores St., and at Horner's Corner, the bar and restaurant at 1199 Church St.

The new owners of Dolores Corner are Lee Parmelee, a longtime habitue of San Francisco's bar scene, and her husband, Kevin Murphy.

The pub will have a new name: The Bar on Dolores Street.

"It's the only bar on Dolores Street," Parmelee explained about the straightforward moniker.

Parmelee took over on June 1 and spent the first part of the month rushing to get ready for a June 11 debut.

Her barroom experience includes being the first woman bartender at the famed Tadich Grill downtown, and the owner of the now shuttered Dirty Trix Saloon on Clement Street.

Parmelee said she doesn't plan to make any immediate changes, though she promised to start a regular open mike and comedy night similar to what she hosted at the Dirty Trix.

"Maybe in a month or two—as soon we get our legs under us," she said.

Patrons may find a wider variety of professional sports team colors intermingled with the orange and black of the San Francisco Giants and the red and gold of the 49ers. That's because Parmelee's husband is a fan of all things Chicago.

"I was born and raised in San Francisco," said Parmelee. But Murphy hails from the Midwest and so many people

showed up at the Dirty Trix to watch Midwest teams that it once was voted the "number one best Chicago sports bar" in San Francisco.

"On a Sunday afternoon, I want to see a rainbow of jerseys" at the Bar on Dolores, Parmelee said.

Parmelee and Murphy took over from partners Ray Siri, Joe Ascara, and Belinda Kerr. The trio purchased the bar, then known as O'Greenberg's, in October 2012 and renamed it Dolores Corner.

Their relatively brief ownership concluded with a two-day thank-you barbecue of chicken, ribs, and sliders in May. It was also the end of the line for Kathy Castro, a bartender at O'Greenberg's and Dolores Corner for nearly 24 years. A wistful Castro said she had grown close to many of the regulars. "I watched their kids grow up," she said.

Horner's Corner was closed in late June awaiting the official change in ownership to John Dampeer, a well-known Bay Area restaurateur and the owner of Caskhouse on 24th Street. Dampeer is in contract to purchase both the bar and the adjacent grill.

Dampeer begged off saying whether he planned to rename the establishment or make any significant changes once he took over.

"Nothing to report yet. I'm still waiting for the escrow to close," Dampeer said. That should happen "hopefully by the beginning of July."

Dampeer has been a familiar figure on 24th Street since October 2013, when he and partner Adnan Daken took over Joe's 24th Street Café at 3853 24th St. and transformed it into a popular destination for craft beers and specialty foods.

Horner's Corner was last sold in January 2013 to Ivor Bradley, another Bay Area restaurateur, and Dave O'Donnell, a retired city worker. ■

## Bliss Bar Revamp Approved on Trial Basis

New Restaurant Will Have Live Music

By Matthew S. Bajko

The planned revamp of the burned-out Bliss Bar into a new restaurant with live entertainment has won approval on a trial basis from the San Francisco Planning Commission.

At its June 25 meeting, the oversight body voted 6-0 to back co-owners Tom Pornchai and Rai Hutachinda's redesign for the property at 4022-4026 24th St. They intend to add a full kitchen as well as new restrooms that will be contained in an underground addition to the back yard set back 3 feet from the property line.

The 2,695-square-foot restaurant, as of now, is to be named Tom & Rai. The operators plan to book jazz musicians and other live acts to entertain diners.

"This will be a lively space for weekend brunch. We need to have better places to go," said project consultant Jeremy Paul. "I think it will be better than the bar that had been in business. We are creating a sound-containing box."

The roof of the new below-grade structure will be covered with native plants. A row of wax myrtle trees will be added in the rear-yard setback area to provide a natural barrier to the adjacent properties.

An additional two apartment units will be added to the two already in the building. The residents will have access to a new rooftop deck that will be built.

In response to neighborhood concerns about late-night noise, the Plan-

ning Commission capped the hours of operation for both the business and amplified music at 10 p.m. Sundays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. The closing time will be 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with opening hours set at 9 a.m. each day. The restaurant plans to be closed Mondays and Tuesdays.

The commission asked for a report back on how the business is functioning after the first six months and then at the one-year mark. The reviews will focus on whether the hours need to be restricted further to mitigate any negative impacts on the neighborhood, or whether the hours might be expanded on weekends.

"I think this project is going to add to Noe Valley," said Planning Commissioner Dennis Richards.

Residents, particularly those on Elizabeth Street, which runs behind the building, have consistently raised concerns about the noise that could be created by the kitchen equipment and amplified musical entertainment. Half a dozen people spoke in opposition to the project at the hearing last month.

"You are taking away a greenbelt and allowing amplified entertainment," said Elizabeth Street resident Amy Kennedy. "Basically, they are putting a nightclub on 24th Street in Noe Valley. None of it is in the character of the neighborhood."

The project proponents' argument that they should be given a chance to test their concept carried the day, however. "We would like to show how this building and business could perform," said Paul. "If it becomes a nuisance, there is an easy process to restrict this."

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## Vicki Rosen, A Champion of Upper Noe

“And though she be but little, she is fierce.”  
—Shakespeare, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*

By Heather World

Vicki Rosen, longtime president of the group Upper Noe Neighbors, died June 11, surrounded by her husband of 32 years Randy Zielinski, her daughter Erin, and Rabbi Gedalia Potash and Leah Potash. She was 68.

“She will be sorely missed,” said Rabbi Potash of Chabad of Noe Valley. “She had such a deep spiritual compass and sense of purpose.”

Rosen’s relationship with Upper Noe the neighborhood began in 1978, when she moved to a Victorian on Valley Street to live with Zielinski. “There were a lot of homes where families had lived through several generations,” Rosen recalled in an interview published in the December 2012 *Voice*. In fact, her block was called the “widows block,” she said, because of its many older residents. However, the neighborhood was changing fast, filling with a new generation of young families.

Hoping to meet the neighbors as well as have a say in outer Church Street’s growth, she and Zielinski joined Upper Noe Neighbors at the group’s inception, in 1988.

After Rosen took the helm in 2000, she held regular meetings to rally the neighborhood around quality-of-life issues, ranging from squeaky streetcars to pedes-



Vicki Rosen sat down for a portrait and interview in 2008. At the time, she and the Upper Noe Neighbors were fighting to keep services at St. Luke’s Hospital. Photo by Pamela Gerard

trian safety to the need to keep an eye on large, multistory construction projects.

An outreach coordinator for the Environmental Protection Agency Superfund sites, Rosen was excellent at disseminating valuable information, keeping neighbors engaged, and keeping meetings free of rancor, said UNN board member Marianne Hampton.

“She was really in touch with people in the neighborhood,” she said. “She was approachable.”

Not only did Rosen bring wine and sign-up sheets to Neighbors meetings, she sat through plodding meetings of the city’s boards, commissions, and agencies, to plead Upper Noe’s case.

Her familiarity with the system earned her respect with city officials and gave her a sense of whom to call when.

“She would find the right people in government agencies, and she had enough clout to have them listen to her,” Hampton said.

State Senator Mark Leno, who worked with Rosen in the 2000s when he was a city supervisor, called her a born leader. Former supervisor Bevan Dufty credits Rosen with putting Upper Noe on the map by marshaling city departments to address neighborhood problems. The result was a neighborhood renaissance, he said.

Her long history of neighborhood activism made Rosen a tremendous neighborhood leader, said Supervisor Scott Wiener.

“She really brought institutional memory and broad perspective,” he said.

Her strongly held opinions did not overshadow her professionalism, and she could disagree with you one day and work with you the next, Wiener said.

Rosen was also deeply dedicated to Chabad of Noe Valley, the neighborhood’s orthodox Jewish congregation. The child of a conservative Jewish home in St. Louis, Mo., she didn’t connect to Judaism until she encountered Chabad of

Street location, to expand and build a center for Jewish learning, Rosen helped secure the loan. “Without her, it wouldn’t have been possible,” Potash said.

Rosen’s passionate pursuit of her goals was evident from a young age.

Zielinski remembers one of Rosen’s favorite stories, about the time she and a friend, both in their teens, mailed in 5,000 postcards to a Chicago disk jockey to win tickets to a Beatles concert there. They won and attended the concert as guests of the DJ. He later invited the two girls to hobnob poolside with the Rolling Stones at the Chase Hotel in 1966.

A picture from that day is among the many rock-and-roll mementos that line Rosen and Zielinski’s hallway, including a sketch made by Don Van Vliet, better known as Captain Beefheart, and a note handed to her by the drummer of the Yardbirds, asking her to meet him after a show.

Rosen’s music savvy and a degree in English from the University of Missouri led to a 17-year career in publishing, including stints at *Rolling Stone* and *New West* magazines. Her music reviews earned her and Zielinski backstage passes to concerts by bands like Blondie, U2, and the Talking Heads.

Rosen’s passions stayed with her until the end. When Wiener visited her in early June, he said she was frail physically but hale mentally and had plenty to say about Upper Noe issues like development.

“To the end, she cared like hell about the neighborhood and about the city, and that was our Vicki,” said Wiener, who adjourned the June 16 Board of Supervisors meeting in her memory. ■

### From UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS:

**Vicki Rosen** led our community for over two decades, inspired a sense of civic duty, and left a legacy of public service.

The community is discussing a memorial plaque in her honor to be installed at Upper Noe Recreation Center. Later in the year, there will be a dedication and celebration of her life. If you would like to help plan or donate to the dedication, please let us know. Donations can be sent to Upper Noe Neighbors at 205 30th St., San Francisco, CA 94131.

Upper Noe Neighbors will carry on the tradition of hosting presentations and public discussions of current events, and welcome all neighbors to participate. Join us on July 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Upper Noe Rec Center at 295 Day St. We will be discussing the changes to the San Jose Avenue off-ramp of 280 Northbound.

—Marianne Hampton and Olga Milan-Howells (with grateful help from Tom, Eileen, and Chris)

To contact Upper Noe Neighbors, email [Marianne.Hampton@comcast.net](mailto:Marianne.Hampton@comcast.net).

Noe Valley in 2001.

Attracted to the simplicity of the services, the welcoming rabbi, and the congregation’s mix of views from atheist to orthodox, Rosen soon became a community strength.

“She was a pillar of this community,” Rabbi Potash said.

Rosen attended services every Saturday morning, never missed holiday celebrations, and took a deep interest in other members of the community.

When the congregation looked to buy the house next door to its Cesar Chavez



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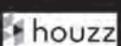
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**LIBRARY EVENTS**

**Great Books:** Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels* is July's selection for the Great Books Discussion Group, sponsored by the Great Books Council of San Francisco. For information, contact Elena at [eschmid@sonic.net](mailto:eschmid@sonic.net). Wednesday, July 8, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

**Friday Matinee at the Library** screens the 1975 classic thriller *Jaws*, directed by Steven Spielberg. Friday, July 10, 2 to 4 p.m.

**Screen Time: Language Learning to Go With Mango:** Mango Languages offers 63 different languages to learn and 18 different ESL courses. Saturday, July 11, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**eReader and eResource Drop-In:** Noe Valley's librarians help you learn how to use eBooks, the new library catalog, databases, hoopla! for magazines, and Zinio for movies. Bring your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other device, your library card, PIN, and any passwords you need for downloading apps. Tuesday, July 14, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**The Noe Valley Book Discussion Group** meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., to discuss *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri on July 15, and *Canada* by Richard Ford on Aug. 19.

**Opera for the People** features George Frideric Handel's *Agrippina*, a comedic version of *I, Claudius*; in video excerpts, Dutch soprano Annemarie Kremer plays the power-mad Agrippina. Sunday, July 19, 2 to 3 p.m.

**The Noe Valley Knitting Circle** for all skill levels (crocheters, too) meets Saturday, Aug. 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch Prose @ the Library**

**Register Now for September Workshop**

Local book writer and editor Kathy Dalle-Molle will lead **Lunch Prose @ the Library**, a lunchtime writing workshop for writers of all experience levels, starting this September. Sessions will take place on three Tuesdays—Sept. 15, 22, and 29—from noon to 1:30 p.m. This special event is limited to 12 writers, and advance registration is required. Go to [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com) for more information and to register.

Our neighborhood librarians also want you to know it's not too late to sign up for the all-ages **Summer Read SF** marathon, which runs through Aug. 9. Keep track of how much you read (15 hours total for adults and teens, 10 hours for children); once you've reached your goal, come by the branch to pick up a book bag designed by French illustrator Benjamin Chaud.

To sign up, or to check out more details including the **Weekly Raffle**, go to [www.sfpl.org/summerread](http://www.sfpl.org/summerread). Pop by any branch, up to one time per day per location, to enter the raffle.

**MORE BOOKS TO READ**

**Your Nose in a Book**

Adult Services Librarian Susan Higgins and Children's Librarian Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library invite you to sit in the sun and enjoy their summer selection of books, movies, and eLit. The July/August list features a cookbook with recipes for gluten-free pastries, a film about the Keane paintings of big-eyed children, and a book tracing unusual fashion trends throughout history.

To find these visuals on the library shelves, call or drop by the Noe Valley branch, 451 Jersey St. near Castro (415-355-5707), or visit the San Francisco Library online at [www.sfpl.org](http://www.sfpl.org). The *Voice* thanks bookworm Karol Barske for helping with the annotations.

**Children's Fiction**

**How Do Dinosaurs Stay Safe?**—part of the "How Do Dinosaurs..." series written by Jane Yolen, with illustrations by Mark Teague—offers safety tips for dinosaurs and children. Ages 3-6.

A boy is afraid of the dark, until Dark itself takes him on an adventure in **Orion and the Dark**, the second picture book written and illustrated by Emma Yarlett. Ages 3-7.

Clover finds unicorns and dragons at **The Magical Animal Adoption Agency: Clover's Luck (Book 1)** by Kallie George. Ages 7-10.

**Moonpenny Island** by Tricia Springstubb, with illustrations by Gilbert Ford, is a novel of friendship and secrets. Ages 8-12.

The fifth book in Maryrose Wood's Victorian mystery series, **The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place: The Unmapped Sea**, brings the Ashton family to the beach, where they meet some wild children. Ages 8-12.

**Children's Nonfiction**

**Sea Bones** is a picture book with rhyming text that was written and illustrated by Bob Barner. Ages 5-8.

**My Name Is Truth: The Life of Sojourner Truth**, written by Ann Turner and illustrated by James Ransome, tells the story of a former slave who became a preacher and orator in the 1800s. Ages 6-9.

**Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees**, by Franck Prevot, with illustrations by Aurelia Fronty, is about a Kenyan environmentalist whose work earned her the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004. Ages 6-9.

The kinkajou, red-kneed tarantula, railroad worm, and vampire bat are some of the **Creatures of the Night** in the book of the same name by Camilla de la Bedoyere. Ages 8-11.

**Why'd They Wear That? Fashion as the Mirror of History**—by Sarah Albee,

with a foreword by *Project Runway's* Timothy Gunn—explains why people wore togas, hoop skirts, hair shirts, and other odd pieces of clothing. Ages 10 and up.

**Adult Fiction**

**The Missing Piece** by Kevin Egan is a legal thriller about a lawsuit involving the ownership of valuable treasures.

In the science fiction book **The Affinities** by Robert Charles Wilson, it's the near future and people are sorting themselves into social groups that begin to war with one another.

Goebels asks detective Bernie Gunther to track down a beautiful actress who is the daughter of a Croatian fascist in **The Lady from Zagreb** by Philip Kerr.

**Adult Nonfiction**

Melissa Michaels' **Love the Home You Have** is yet another book about de-cluttering and decorating your newly emptied space.

A beautiful layer cake graces the cover of **Gluten-Free Flour Power: Bringing Your Favorite Foods Back to the Table**, a book full of recipes for both sweet and savory baked goods, by Aki Kamozawa and H. Alexander Talbot.

**Mosaic Garden Projects: Add Color to Your Garden With Tables, Fountains, Birdbaths, and More**, by Mark Brody with Sheila Ashdown, explains the basics of mosaic methods and gives detailed instructions for both simple and complex projects.

**Films on DVD**

**Mr. Turner** is Mike Leigh's 2014 film about the life of British painter J.M.W. Turner.

A stolen painting may contain a code leading to lost gold in the 2015 comedy **Mortdecai**, starring Johnny Depp, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Ewan McGregor.

**Big Eyes** tells the true story of the couple behind the popular 1960s paintings of big-eyed children. Directed by Tim

**CHILDREN'S EVENTS**

Miss Catherine presents **Toddler Tales** with books, rhymes, music, and movement, for children ages 16 months through 2 years and their caregivers. Thursdays, July 2, 9, 16 & 23, at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Reel-to-Reel Family-Friendly Films.** See favorites from the library's trove of 16 mm films—remember, not all films are available on DVD! For ages 6 and up. Tuesday, July 7, 7 to 8 p.m.

**Read to Stanley the Dog** and Reading Specialist Rebecca at the SPCA-sponsored Puppy Dog Tales, a program aimed at children ages 4 to 7, but older children are welcome. Call 415-355-5707 to reserve your spot. Saturday, July 11, 2 to 3 p.m.; Saturday, July 18, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Aug. 30, 2 to 3 p.m.

Comedian **Owen Baker-Flynn** promises to juggle, perform magic, balance all kinds of stuff, spit jelly beans, and do a really weird thing with his head and neck! Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m. to noon.

**Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films** is a showing of short vintage films for children 3 to 5 years. Thursdays, July 30 and Aug. 6, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

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**The AAC Conversation Club** is for teens and adults who use communication devices like Dynavox and Quick-Talker, or smartphones or tablets. The group meets on Mondays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27, and Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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Burton and starring Amy Adams and Christoph Waltz.

**New eBooks**

**Eating Việt Nam: Dispatches From a Blue Plastic Table** is a food and travel memoir by English writer Graham Holliday, with a foreword by Anthony Bourdain.

Kate Atkinson's **A God in Ruins** tells the life story of Teddy, a character from Atkinson's acclaimed novel *Life After Life*.

**Girl in a Band** is the memoir of Sonic Youth founding member Kim Gordon.

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**July 1 & 15:** The **PUPPY DOG TALES** reading program allows children to practice reading to Oliver, a calm canine; ages 4 to 7, but older welcome. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

**July 1-27:** Lynette Cook exhibits **PAINTINGS** in "Small Bites," at Cliche Noe Gifts + Home. 4175 24th. 282-5416.

**July 1-29:** 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.

**July 1-Aug. 5:** **CREATIVITY EXPLORED** hosts "Forte," an group show inspired by music. Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

**July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26:** Folio Books hosts a **STORYTIME** for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26:** Chris Sequeira conducts free senior **QIGONG** classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Glen Park Rec Center, 70 Elk. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

**July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26:** The Castro **FARMERS MARKET** is open every Wednesday, from 4 to 8 pm, through mid-December. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

**July 1-29 & Aug. 5-26:** **AL-ANON** meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

**July 1-31 & Aug. 1-31:** Noe Valley **OVEREATERS** Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

**July 1-31 & Aug. 1-31:** 30th Street **SENIOR CENTER** serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

**July 1, Aug. 5 & Sept. 2:** The **GLBT HISTORY** Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBTHistory.org.

**July 2, 9, 16 & 23:** Miss Catherine tells **TODDLER TALES** with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 2-30 & Aug. 6-27:** Attend **PUB QUIZ NIGHTS** on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

**July 3-31 & Aug. 7-28:** 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.

**July 3-31 & Aug. 7-28:** 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.

**July 3-31 & Aug. 7-28:** Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night **MUSIC** and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

**July 3-5 & Sept. 6-7:** In its 56th season, the **SF MIMETROUPE** performs *Freedomland* in Dolores Park. Music, 1:30 pm; show, 2 pm. For a full schedule: sfmt.com.

**July 3-Oct. 30:** The Friday **NIGHT MARKET** at UN Plaza features local vendors and artists, live music, and food trucks. 5-10 pm. Seventh and Market. fridaynightmarketsf.org.

**July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29:** 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.

**July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29:** The Noe Valley Rec Center offers free **YOGA CLASSES** Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day and Sanchez. 205-5855; noevalleyreccenter.com.

**July 4-25 & Aug. 1-29:** Saturday night **JAZZ** at Bird & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

**July 4-28 & Aug. 1-30:** 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.



*Prosecco and Small Bites, is a show by artist Lynette Cook, ongoing at Cliche Noe, 4175 24th Street, through July 27.*

**July 5 & 19; Aug. 2 & 16:** 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.

**July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30:** 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.

**July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30:** Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the **MISSION DOLORES** area. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

**July 5-26 & Aug. 2-30:** The SF Museum and Historical Society gives Sunday tours of the **OLD MINT** at 1:30 and 3 pm. 88 Fifth Street. 537-1105, ext. 100; sfhistory.org.

**July 6-27 & Aug. 3-31:** 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.

**July 7:** Reel-to-Reel **FAMILY-FRIENDLY FILMS** screen at the Noe Valley Library from 7 to 8 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 7-28:** The Eureka Valley Library offers its **TODDLER TALES** on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

**July 7-28:** See Jane Run offers a Tuesday **RUN CLUB**, beginning at 6 pm, at 3910 24th. 401-8338.

**July 7 & Aug. 4:** The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have **FREE ADMISSION** on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

**July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25:** Larkin Street Youth Services gives free **HIV TESTING** for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

**July 7-28 & Aug. 4-25:** Dogs 6 months and older are invited to the Tuesday **PUPPY SOCIAL** at K9 Scrub Club. 7-8 pm. 1734 Church. Register: k9scrubclub.com.

**July 8:** The **GREAT BOOKS** Discussion Group considers Jonathan Swift's *Gulliver's Travels*. 6:15-8:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

**July 8:** The Upper **NOE NEIGHBORS** meeting features a discussion focusing on the San Jose Avenue/Dolores St./Randall St. area and the narrowed lanes on the 280 North off-ramp. 7:30 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 285-0473.

**July 9 & Aug. 13:** The **LGBT SENIOR** discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

**July 10:** The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of the classic 1975 thriller **JAWS**, directed by Steven Spielberg. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 10 & Aug. 14:** **TAIZE** service at Holy Innocents Church is offered on the second Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. Holyinsf.org.

**July 11:** The Noe Valley Library hosts "Screen Time: **LANGUAGE LEARNING** to Go With Mango." 10:30-11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 11:** Lesley Tellez discusses **EAT MEXICO: Recipes from Mexico City's Streets, Markets & Fondas**. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**July 11 & Aug. 8:** 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.

**July 11 & Aug. 8:** Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth **MIDWIVES** (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

**July 12:** **PALEO COOKBOOK** authors Russ Crandall, Simone Miller, and Jenny Castaneda discuss the current food movement. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**July 12 & Aug. 9:** **PFLAG's** monthly support group hosts a presentation by reps from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. 2-4:15 pm. St. Francis Church, 152 Church. 921-8850; pflagssf@aol.com.

**July 14:** The Noe Valley Library offers an **eREADER CLASS** from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 14:** Jim Van Buskirk discusses "Or Location: The Golden Gate Bridge on the **SILVER SCREEN**" at the monthly meeting of the SF Museum and Historical Society. 7-9:30 pm. 455 Golden Gate, Hiram Johnson State building, Milton Marks Auditorium. 537-1105, ext. 100; sfhistory.org.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OMNIVORE BOOKS

WED JUL 1	<b>TARA AUSTEN WEAVER • ORCHARD HOUSE: HOW A NEGLECTED GARDEN TAUGHT ONE FAMILY TO GROW • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE •</b> Tara sees potential and promise in a neglected and wild Seattle yard, not only for the edible bounty the garden could yield for her family, but for the personal renewal she and her mother might reap along the way.
SAT JUL 11	<b>LESLEY TELLEZ • EAT MEXICO: RECIPES FROM MEXICO CITY'S STREETS, MARKETS &amp; FONDAS • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE •</b> <i>Eat Mexico</i> is a culinary love letter to one of the biggest cities in the world.
SUN JUL 12	<b>PALEO PARTY! RUSS CRANDALL (PALEO TAKEOUT), SIMONE MILLER (ZENBELLY), AND JENNY CASTANEDA (ONE POT PALEO) • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE •</b> Three major authors of Paleo cookbooks will come together to discuss their work on the subject.
THU JUL 16	<b>JESSICA FECHTOR • STIR: MY BROKEN BRAIN AND THE MEALS THAT BROUGHT ME HOME • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE •</b> Jessica's journey to recovery from an aneurysm began in the kitchen as soon as she was able to stand at the stovetop and stir.
SAT JUL 18	<b>JEFF KOEHLER • DARJEELING: THE COLORFUL HISTORY AND PRECARIOUS FATE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST TEA • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE •</b> This is the story of how Darjeeling tea began, was key to the largest tea industry on the globe under Imperial British rule, and came to produce the highest-quality tea leaves anywhere in the world.
SAT JUL 25	<b>DIANNE JACOB • WILL WRITE FOR FOOD: THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO WRITING COOKBOOKS, BLOGS, MEMOIR, RECIPES, AND MORE • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE •</b> In this new edition of the award-winning guide, noted journalist and writing instructor Dianne Jacob addresses the needs of bloggers looking to engage social media followers.
SUN AUG 9	<b>LOUELLA HILL • BURRATA-MAKING DEMO WITH THE AUTHOR OF KITCHEN CREAMERY! 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE •</b> From cheesemaking authority and teacher Louella Hill comes an education so timely and inspiring that every cheese lover and cheesemonger, from novice to professional, will have something to learn.
TUE AUG 11	<b>JENN LOUIS • PASTA BY HAND: A COLLECTION OF ITALY'S REGIONAL HAND-SHAPED PASTA • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE •</b> Louis shares recipes and expertise in hand-forming beloved shapes such as gnocchi, orecchiette, gnudi, and spatzli as well as dozens of other regional pasta specialties.
SAT AUG 15	<b>STEVEN SATTERFIELD. ROOT TO LEAF: A SOUTHERN CHEF COOKS THROUGH THE SEASONS. 3:00-4:00. FREE.</b> Chef of the award-winning Atlanta restaurant Miller Union, Steven Satterfield has enchanted diners with his vegetable dishes, capturing the essence of fresh produce through a simple, elegant cooking style.

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# CALENDAR

**June 11 & 12:** Students at Adda Clevenger School perform the MUSICAL *Oliver!* based on the Charles Dickens novel. 7 pm. Mercy High School Theater, 3250 19th Ave. addaclevenger.com.

**June 12:** The Noe Valley Library hosts a screening of Roman Polanski's 2010 FILM *The Ghost Writer*, based on the book *The Ghost* by Robert Harris. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**June 12:** TAIZE service at Holy Innocents Church is offered on the second Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. Holyinsf.org.

**June 13:** The Noe Valley GARDEN TOUR features nine private gardens open from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets available at the Farmers' Market, at local shops, and at friendsnoevalley.com.

**June 13:** Maria Luna teaches the history and culture of Mexican FOLK DANCE; ages 4 and up are invited to dress in costume. 1:30-2:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**June 13:** Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

**June 13:** Shauna Sever discusses *Real Sweet: More Than 80 Crave-Worthy Treats Made With NATURAL SUGARS*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**June 13:** Artists' Television Access hosts 16mm SHORT FILMS from their archives. 3-4:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**June 14:** PFLAG's monthly support group hosts a presentation by reps from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. 2-4:15 pm. St. Francis Church, 152 Church. 921-8850; pflags@aol.com.

**June 15:** The ODD MONDAYS series hosts LGBTQ PRIDE READINGS hosted by Richard May, featuring *The Seed of Immortality* with author Wayne Goodman. 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.

**July 14:** LITQUAKE's Epicenter features Joshua Mohr in conversation with Jack Boulware. 7 pm. Viracocha, 998 Valencia. litquake.com.

**July 15:** Supervisor Scott Wiener and Mayor Ed Lee will attend a RIBBON-CUTTING ceremony for improvements to 24th Street, including bulb-outs, crosswalks, public seating, and planter boxes. 10:30 am. 24th & Castro.

**July 15:** Nashville singer-songwriter CHI MCCLEAN plays 60s rock at the Valley Tavern live music series. 7-10 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

**July 15:** The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group discusses *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 15:** Sally Love Saunders reads POETRY at 8 pm at Sacred Grounds Coffee House. 2095 Hayes. 387-3869.

**July 15 & Aug. 19:** A Women's DRUMMING CIRCLE meets the third Wednesday of the month. 5:45-6:45 pm. Herchurch, 678 Portola.

**July 15 & Aug. 19:** The UPPER NOE Community Recreation Council meets to discuss programs and events. 7 pm. Rec Center Auditorium, Day and Sanchez.

**July 16:** Jessica Fechter discusses her recovery from a brain aneurysm and HEALING FOODS in *Stir: My Broken Brain and the Meals that Brought Me Home*. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**July 16:** POET A.D. WINANS reads at the Beat Museum, starting at 7 pm. 540 Broadway. info@kerouac.com.

**July 18:** Jeff Koehler introduces DARJEELING: *The Colorful History and Precarious Fate of the World's Greatest Tea*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**July 18 & Aug. 15:** Artists, dancers, poets, singers, and musicians are invited to AUDITION for "Mission 1'm

Possible," a talent show scheduled for Sept. 12. 3-5 pm. Mission Cultural Center theater, 2868 Mission. 821-1155; missionculturalcenter.org.

**July 18 & Aug. 30:** The PUPPY DOG TALES reading program allows children to practice reading to Stanley, a calm canine; ages 4 to 7, but older welcome. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 19:** OPERA for the People discusses George Frederic Handel's *Agrippina*. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 25:** COMEDIAN Owen Baker-Flynn juggles, performs magic, and spits jelly beans at the Noe Valley Library. 11 am-noon. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 25:** Supervisor SCOTT WIENER offers open office hours to discuss issues from 11 am to 1 pm at Martha's Coffee, 3868 24th.

**July 25:** Dianne Jacob discusses *Will Write for Food: The Complete Guide to WRITING COOKBOOKS, Blogs, Memoir, Recipes, and More*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**July 25:** Upper Noe Community Recreation Council and Fairmount School co-host a free Summer SOCIAL and screening of the movie *Cars*, plus games, crafts, and refreshments. 4-7 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, 295 Day. 970-8061.

**July 27:** The FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS Association meets at 7:30 pm at the SFPD Police Academy. on 350 Amber Drive.

**July 28:** Anne Evers Hitz discusses "The Emporium" at a meeting of the SF HISTORY ASSOCIATION. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

**July 28 & Aug. 25:** MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

**July 30 & Aug. 6:** Reel-to-Reel FILMS for preschoolers screen at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**July 30-Aug. 31:** IRENE HENDRICK exhibits acrylic paintings at Cliché Noe Gifts + Home. Reception July 30, 5-7:30 pm. 4175 24th. 282-5416.

**Aug. 1:** The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets at the Noe Valley Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

**Aug. 1:** The GOOFBALL SHOW at the Noe Valley Library promises fun, magic, and silliness for all ages. 2-3 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

**Aug. 2:** Suzanne Shapiro, author of *Nails: The Story of Modern Manicure* hosts a NAIL POLISH meet and swap, with afternoon tea, at 3 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Aug. 4:** Celebrate NATIONAL NIGHT OUT with a free bbq dinner, games, and safety information, sponsored by the SFPD Ingleside Station. 5-8 pm. Bernal Heights Rec Center and Bernal Heights Library, 500 Moultrie. serogers@yahoo.com.

**Aug. 4 & Sept. 1:** "Write Now! @ Folio Books" is a monthly WORD JAM led by writer/editor Kathy Dalle-Molle; all levels welcome. 7-8:30 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; sign up at foliosf.com/events.

**Aug. 9:** Louella Hill, author of *Kitchen Creamery*, leads a BURRATA making demonstration. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Aug. 11:** Jean Louis introduces PASTA By Hand: A collection of Italy's Regional Hand-Shaped Pasta. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Aug. 13-Sept. 30:** CREATIVITY EXPLORED hosts "Dots & Dashes: Another Morse Code," an exhibit of work by Linda Davenport and Richard Wright. Reception Aug. 13, 7-9 pm; Mon & Tues., 10 am-3 pm; Wed.-Fri., 10

am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

**Aug. 15:** Steven Satterfield discusses *Root to Leaf: A SOUTHERN CHEF Cooks Through the Seasons*. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**Aug. 16:** A BOOK LAUNCH Party for Nancy Guettier's children's book *I Wish* begins at 3 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**Aug. 19:** The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group considers *Canada* by Richard Ford. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**Aug. 19:** Singer-songwriter HEATHER COMBS and guitarist MAX DELANEY play the Valley Tavern. 7-10 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

**Aug. 20:** The fifth annual Noe Valley Wine Walk runs along 24th Street from Diamond to Chattanooga streets. 4-8 pm. Tickets (\$25) available at the Noe Valley Town Square, 24th at Vicksburg, until 7:30 pm.

**Aug. 21:** The BOOKWORMS CLUB for ages 8 through 12 features Jim Averbeck, author of *A Hitch* at the Fairmont. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; RSVP at foliosf.com.

**Aug. 25:** The Colma Historical Society offers films at a meeting of the SF HISTORY ASSOCIATION. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

**Aug. 31:** The ODD MONDAYS series resumes with a Literary Swap Meet. 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.

**Remember September**  
The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **September 2015** issue, distributed the first week of July. The deadline for Calendar items is **Aug. 15**. Write Calendar, *Noe Valley Voice*, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146, or email [calendar@noevalleyvoice.com](mailto:calendar@noevalleyvoice.com). Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.



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**Staff Summer Favorites NOW IN PAPERBACK!**

*The Miniaturist* by Jessie Burton  
*Snow Queen* by Michael Cunningham  
*The Queen of The Tearling* by Erika Johansen  
*Flash Boys* by Michael Lewis  
*A Spy Among Friends* by Ben Macintyre  
*Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel  
*The Children Act* by Ian McEwan  
*The Bone Clocks* by David Mitchell  
*Everything I Never Told You* by Celeste Ng  
*In the Kingdom of Ice* by Hampton Sides  
*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt  
*The Martian* by Andy Weir

**WRITE NOW WORKSHOPS**  
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8/4  
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**STORYTIME**  
at 10am  
Every Wednesday

**8-2 SUNDAY 3PM**

**ODD MONDAYS**  
at 7pm  
8/3 | 8/17 | 8/31

**August Events at Folio Books**

**8-2 SUNDAY 3PM** Nail Polish Swap & Meet with Suzanne Shapiro  
*Nails: The Story of the Modern Manicure*  
This lively, colorful, and wide-ranging exploration of the evolution of the painted nail places a fascinating aspect of cultural history at your fingertips.

**8-16 SUNDAY 3PM** Nancy Guettier | *I Wish* Launch Party  
Join us for a Sunday afternoon launch party with storytime, cupcakes, and tea! Local author Nancy Guettier will be celebrating the release of her latest children's book, *I Wish*, about two girls who find a magic wand.

**8-21 FRIDAY 6PM** **BOOKWORMS CLUB: Jim Averbeck**  
Every 3rd Friday of the month means it is time for pizza and bookish things with readers ages 8-12 at Folio Books! This month we will be hosting special guest Jim Averbeck, author of the middle reader mystery, *A Hitch At The Fairmont*.  
RSVP REQUIRED: 2015bookworms.eventbrite.com

For a full description of all our upcoming events visit: [foliosf.com/events](http://foliosf.com/events)

# Saint Philip

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The St. Philip's community is pleased to announce our new Kindergarten teacher, Ms. Genevieve Williams, who will be starting this Fall 2015.

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## STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular *Voice* feature profiling new stores and businesses in Noe Valley. This month, we introduce a shop that celebrates local designers and mindfully crafted “slow fashion.”

### THE PODOLLS

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Ethical, handmade, chic, beautifully curated. These are some of the words customers have used to describe the Podolls, a fashion boutique that opened in March in one of the 24th Street spaces formerly occupied by Ambiance. The shop is the second outpost—the first is in Burlingame—for husband-and-wife proprietors and designers Josh Podoll and Lauren Berdell Podoll.

The boutique stocks their own Podolls clothing brand, which they founded in 2003. It's mostly women's fashion and a small selection of men's clothes, plus their children's line, Podots. They also carry other local makers and artisans, crafting products such as denim jeans, sweaters, handbags, shoes, jewelry, ceramics, lifestyle books, and some lotions and candles.

“We've gathered lines that complement our brand and provide context,” Lauren says. “We know most of the designers personally. Part of what we love about our business is meeting fellow creatives and helping to promote them.”

“We strive to be a hub of the creative community,” adds Josh. To that end, they host trunk shows in their stores. On July 24, they will host jewelry designer



Noe Valley residents Josh and Lauren Podoll are the creative minds behind the Podolls, a successful clothing collection and a new boutique on 24th Street.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

Melissa Joy Manning, from 3 to 6 p.m. Josh enthusiastically describes how Manning will bring precious and semi-precious stones and, with notebook in hand, design on-the-spot jewelry for customers. “It's true DIY,” adds Lauren.

Sustainability is a big part of the Podolls' credo. Tee shirts and limited-edition tote bags display their tagline: “Slowness is Beauty,” which “brings awareness to where and how things are made,” Lauren says. “It doesn't just mean ‘slow fashion’ because fashion is a fast-moving industry. Like the slow food movement, it has to do with how fashion can provide jobs, take responsibility, keep factories afloat.” Their own line of clothes is manufactured locally in a factory near the San Francisco Airport.

The Podolls brand is available in bou-

tiques and shops around the country, and also on their website. The largest array, however, is in their brick-and-mortar stores. “We don't produce excess,” Lauren says. They even use the scraps of leftover fabric for their Podots children's line, sticking to their philosophy of sustainability and no waste.

Tags on items for sale provide a checklist of “why we love this item” and include options like “made in the USA, artisanal production, natural fibers, recycled, locally produced, family-run business, philanthropic, fair wage labor.” Customers then know exactly why that piece is carried in the shop. Other brands include Micaela Greg sweaters, Mint and Rose shoes, Cabbage & Kings blouses, and Wildsam Field Guides. Prices range from \$15 for Little River Sock Mill socks

to \$335 for a Podolls silk print dress. Most clothes are in a range of \$65 to \$400. Podolls fashions are made with natural fabrics and are comfortably sized.

The Podolls met in the city twelve years ago, when Lauren was a buyer for another store. Josh, an abstract painter represented by the Christopher Grimes Gallery in Los Angeles, wandered into the shop with a proposal for a tee shirt design. The two hit it off, and soon married their dreams—both love and career.

The couple have lived on Diamond Street for three years with their son Dashiell, who will be four in August. Lauren grew up on the Peninsula, which is one reason they opened their first shop in Burlingame. They were both excited when the 24th Street space became available. Now they can walk to their shop.

“What we offer customers is a reflection of the kind of life we enjoy here in the neighborhood,” Lauren says. They worked hard to give the small 24th Street space an airy, open feeling, she says. Josh works with wood, and assembled the shelving along the back wall. The cash wrap counter was built by Key & Kite Woodworking's Danny Montoya, who recently opened a children's woodworking studio in the Mission, the Butterfly Joint.

A visually compelling highlight of the store is a handcrafted wooden playhouse by San Francisco artist Jay Nelson. “Kids make a beeline to it,” Lauren says, laughing. But don't get your hopes up—the playhouse is not for sale—although you're welcome to stop by and visit it. “When people ask about it, we refer them to Jay,” Josh says, keeping up the spirit of promoting local talent.

The Podolls is open Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Olivia Boler

## 30th Street Senior Center

225 30<sup>th</sup> St, Third Floor, San Francisco, CA, 94131

30<sup>th</sup> Street Senior Center currently offers a variety of health and wellness programs and is always looking for additional ways to help seniors thrive in our community.

We will be providing the **Stanford Diabetes Self- Management Program** which consists of 2.5 hour group workshops for 6 weeks, as well as pre and post workshop sessions with a Registered Dietitian.

For this workshop, we are looking for seniors who meet the following criteria:

- Have Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes
- Interested in individual goal setting and improved disease management
- See physician regularly
- Can obtain MD referral and lab test results for project
- English speaking
- Can make the time commitment of 6 weekly workshops as well as 2 individual RD sessions

There are 4 upcoming workshops at the 30<sup>th</sup> St. Senior Center:

- August 18 – October 6, 2015

- October 20 – December 8, 2015

- January 12 – March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

- March 22 – May 10, 2016

Workshops will take place on Tuesdays from 1:30 - 4pm with pre & post RD sessions scheduled individually between 9am-5pm.

If you are interested and meet the criteria please contact Jean Grady at (415) 550-6003 or [jgrady@onlok.org](mailto:jgrady@onlok.org), or stop by our office at the 30<sup>th</sup> St. Senior Center, room 316.

and now for the  
**RUMORS**  
behind the news

24th Street Beat

By Mazook

**L**A BOULANGE GOES POOF: The buzz in Downtown Noe Valley last month was all about a June 16 *Wall Street Journal* story by Julie Jargon informing us that Starbucks would be closing its 23 La Boulange bakery-cafes this September, including the one at 3834 24th St., which had been open (and happily so) since 2009.

The announcement came as a big surprise, since Starbucks (corporate) had bought the bakery—lock, stock, and ovens—back in 2012 for a cool \$100 million and put La Boulange’s founder, Noe Valleon Pascal Rigo, in charge of showing suppliers how to make the croissants and scones that had tickled the taste buds of pastry lovers all over the Bay Area. The plan three years ago was to go nationwide with the cafes. What happened?

The *WSJ* article quoted Starbucks’ president, Cliff Burrows, as saying the coffee giant had recently done an analysis and determined that “the La Boulange cafes are not a sustainable model for Starbucks long term.” The company also said it didn’t make sense to run two separate but similar retail chains.

At La Boulange de Noe, the staff was steaming. “We were all quite surprised, since all fifty of us will be losing our jobs,” said one of the workers, who asked not to be named. “I think that we were just too much competition for them.”

Another worker said that “about five hundred [La Boulange] workers will be laid off in September, although Starbucks has promised that people could transfer to a Starbucks.”

No one had any inside scoops as to what might happen to the local café—there were just shoulder shrugs. But there seemed to be a

slight ray of hope, with perhaps a kernel of truth, shall we say a soupçon of speculation among the workers that Mr. Rigo might save his first four locations in San Francisco—Pine Street (at Fillmore), Hayes Valley, Cole Valley, and Noe Valley—with a new concept. Of course, it would have to be a completely new cafe, since his group sold La Boulange to Starbucks, lock, stock, and logo.

La Boulange’s landlord was negative for any information about what, if anything, will happen in October. “The first I heard of this was in the newspapers, and nobody from La Boulange or Starbucks has notified [us] of anything, although I heard from a lot of real estate people wanting to rent the space,” he said, “but there is still ten years on the lease.”

As for La Boulange customers, they’re storming the barricades. There’s a petition called “Leave La Boulange stores alone!” at [www.change.org](http://www.change.org). Among other things, it tells Starbucks to “sell the line to someone who will actually do something meaningful with it, not just tear it apart and burn it to the ground in search of one more treat that you can microwave for a few dollars extra per transaction.” *Mais oui, bien sûr!*

Hey, wouldn’t you agree that the La Boulange croissant you get at Starbucks on 24th Street at Noe is not quite the same as the croissant you get at La Boulange at 24th and Sanchez? The difference that stands out for me: da buttah.

I remember interviewing Thomas Lefort, cofounder of La Boulange de Noe, at the time of the café’s opening. I asked him if they had any low-fat pastries on the menu. He looked at me and smiled (after raising his eyebrows) and said, “No, we have no such pastry. Ours are high fat, not low fat.”

C’est ça, la différence!



**KIDDIE LIT:** Remember the abundant displays of ornaments, artifacts, lace, and jewelry offered by the folks at L’Atelier (4102 24th at Castro), the recycled-upcycled goods emporium that opened last November in the space formerly occupied by mailboxes (UPS). They restored the original store interior, which had been out of view for over 20 years. Well, L’Atelier closed during the last week of June.



Employees at La Boulange on 24th Street were steaming last month, after learning that the cafe would be closed, along with 22 other cafes in the Bay Area, by corporate owner Starbucks.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

Poof. Gone.

But here’s the news. The front windows should be papered over soon and work will be started to create a bookstore that will specialize in children’s literature, called Charlie’s Corner.

“We will have a wide range of kids’ books for ages starting with preschool and built around ‘story hours’ during the day, with several book-readings during the day,” says owner Charlotte Nagy, who describes herself as a “lifelong educator.”

“We plan to have a different theme for our readings each week,” she says, “both in classical and contemporary children’s literature.” The store will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., seven days a week.

Why Noe Valley? “I spent a lot of time walking the neighborhoods in San Francisco,” says Nagy, who lives in the Richmond District, “and Noe Valley is where I want to open this space.”

Nagy plans to open the doors in September, after refurbishing the space.

There is also word that by the end of this month work will begin on the new bakery café in Downtown Noe Valley to be called La PanotiQ. It’s the one that will fill the space vacated last year by Global Exchange, on 24th Street near Noe. All permits have been granted, so there will be yet another portapotty coming to that sidewalk to join the one in front of the old Bliss Bar.



**PAUSE, REWIND:** July may be a rough month for all you members of Video Wave, a neighborhood institution for 30 years on Castro between Jersey and 25th. Video Wave was opened in 1980 by Alexander Gardener and his wife Gardenia, who sold it in 2005 to Gwen Sanderson and her partner Colin Hutton.

Their lease expires this month, says Hutton, and they’ll become month-to-month tenants. In late June, their landlord had not yet offered

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# RUMORS

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them a new lease. Hutton says there have been indications that the rent will more than double, which will cause the Wavers to look for a new space and/or make provisions for the roughly 20,000 movie and video titles they have for rent.

Stay tuned. I hope we'll see them in the neighborhood in September.

There also have been fears that another neighborhood icon, the toy store the Ark, may be on its way out. The *Voice* has received e-mails of concern from neighbors who have been worried about the store's dwindling inventory over the past several months.

"We have just got two new shipments of goods in the last week," says store clerk Jack Kirby, acknowledging that supplies were low, "so we have filled our shelves again." Yay.

The Ark is consolidating its operations, though. Last month, it closed its Presidio Heights store on Sacramento Street. But it still maintains a store on Fourth Street in Berkeley.

Says Kirby, "It's very difficult for us to compete with Amazon."



APPARENTLY not in competition with Amazon is Songbird, a music studio specializing in singing lessons that opened last month in a renovated space at 3823 24th St. near Church. It's the baby of singer-songwriter and vocal coach Whitney Nichole and husband Niall David, who besides being Songbird's business manager, does commercial and family photography.

The couple co-own the Songbird studio on Pine Street in Nob Hill, which has been thriving since 2008.

"We expanded into Noe Valley because we found that many families that come over to our Pine Street studio live in and around Noe Valley," says David.

Down 24th Street at 3789, Issso, the once very popular women's boutique featuring lo-

cal designers, has closed its doors and posted a notice referring patrons to "Nisa" at 3610 19th St. at Guerrero. However, the phone number doesn't work, and maybe Nisa went poof, too.



ON THE SQUARE: More money has been allotted toward building the Noe Valley Town Square, construction of which is scheduled to begin early next year. The Board of Supervisors voted last month to authorize the Recreation and Park Department to earmark a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for \$743,543.

This should round out the funding, the bulk of which has come from the city's Open Space Funds (with Supervisor Scott Wiener's help), which funded the purchase of the Noe Valley Ministry's parking lot for \$4.2 million. There also was a Land and Water Conservation Grant of \$743,534, for development of the square. And the Prop. 84 Urban Greening Grant Fund recommended \$559,000 for development, too. Our neighborhood donations came in at approximately \$500,000.

According to Noe Valley Town Square chief Todd David, there will be a community meeting to present the final plans for the park to the neighborhood. This should happen at the end of September or beginning of October, with the ground-breaking scheduled for after the first of the year.



CONGRATS also go out to the Noe Valley Association for completion of improvements to our Main Street this spring. Says NVA Executive Director Debra Niemann, "These improvements are the direct result of the long-term plan the Noe Valley Association created with community input in 2007, with Supervisor Wiener advocating for Prop. B funds for the major elements of the plan, which are bulb-outs and high-viability crosswalks, as well as public seating with planter boxes."

There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony attended by the Supervisor, and by Mayor Ed Lee, at the corner of 24th and Castro at 10:30 a.m. on July 15, with all the appropriate fanfare and folderal.

Speaking of which, Scott Wiener just caused a big stir by announcing that he's a candidate for state Senate in the November 2016 election. Maybe we can ask him about it at the ribbon-cutting.



SHORT SHRIFTS: The Noe Valley Association will not be holding Harvest Fest this fall, breaking a 10-year tradition. Says NVA's Sylvia Vientulis, "The NVA will take a break from the Festival this year but will plan to regroup for next year."

Rumors of more parklets being constructed on 24th Street are not true. "Any application would not be approved by the Noe Valley Association," says Debra Niemann.

There seems to be some issue over the restoration of the benches in front of Starbucks at 24th and Noe. It seems a few neighbors' complaints may deprive the rest of us of a wonderful place to sit and watch the parade of pedestrians.

To update the update on the project at 3820 24th St., aka "Lux on 24," the developer, Brian Kendall, has postponed the expected completion date from June to September. That's when the "For Sale" signs should go up on the four luxury condos and the retail space will be ready to rent or sell.

Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Noe Valley Wine Walk, which will take place Thursday, Aug. 20, from 4 to 8 p.m., on 24th Street between Diamond and Chattanooga. It's co-hosted by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association and Steven Restivo Event Services, which can be contacted for advance tickets at [www.SRESproductions.com](http://www.SRESproductions.com) or 1-800-310-6563.



THE BEAT GOES ON: San Francisco native poet A.D. Winans, a Beatnik-era icon and Noe Valley resident for the past 22 years, will be reading his poetry with New York poet Andy Clausen at the Beat Museum in North Beach (540 Broadway) on July 16, starting at 7 p.m. He will also give a poetry reading on KPOO Radio (89.5 on your FM dial) on July 5 at noon, if you can dig it.

As some of you might know, Winans was the founder of a small press and magazine

called *Second Coming* in the 1970s, which published famous Beat poets and writers including Charles Bukowski, Neeli Cherkovski, and Pablo Neruda.

Winans, who lives on Clipper Street, has authored numerous books and received many awards, most recently a Kathy Acker Award in poetry and publishing.

And finally, the beat was definitely going on at the inaugural performance of the Valley Tavern's music series. The June 17 concert by Heather Combs and Max Delaney was a two and a half hour jam, with the bar filled to capacity. The series will be held on the third Wednesday of each month. Next month that's July 15, and performing will be acoustic rocker from Nashville Chi McClean (see *Short Takes* for more details).



THAT'S ALL, YOU ALL: Before I go, I want to extend congratulations to all Americans who fought for the Supreme Court decision confirming the right to marry without restriction.

Two of our more famous Noe Valleons, Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, who had been together for 51 years, were the first same-sex couple to be married in the United States—at San Francisco's City Hall on Valentine's Day, 2004. In fact, they were the first lawfully married same-sex couple in the world.

Martin and Lyon met in 1950, became lovers in 1952, and moved in together on Valentine's Day 1953. They lived in an apartment on Castro Street. They had been together for three years when they founded the Daughters of Bilitis (DOB), the first lesbian civil rights organization in the U.S.

In 1970-71, I had the privilege of working on a community project in San Francisco with Del Martin, and learned from her what the words "equal dignity" mean. Yes, idealism can become realism.

So, it will be a happy and sane Fourth of July for so many this year.

It is officially vacation time here at the *Voice*. Have a great summer and, as that 1959 hit song by the Tempos said, "See you in September..."



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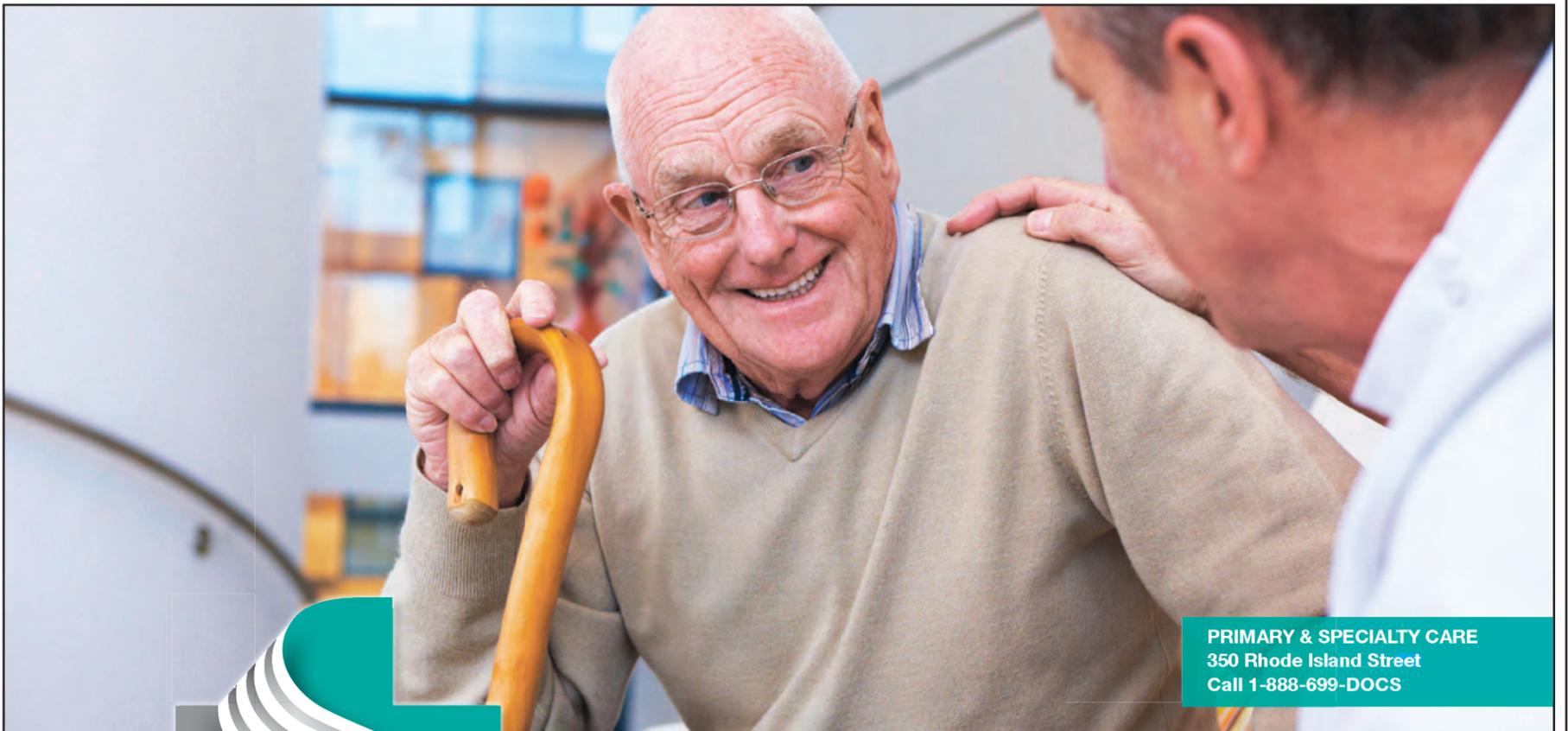


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### Summer Social at Upper Noe Rec Center

The Upper Noe Community Recreation Council and Fairmount Elementary School will host a free family "FUNraising" event on Saturday, July 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. Entertainment will feature Disney's Cars, Movie Night, food, raffle prizes, and games and crafts for kids of all ages. It's a great time to get to know your neighbors and other parents, says Cheryl Woltjen, facilities coordinator for the park. All proceeds will benefit the arts, field trips, and after-school programs at Fairmount School. Volunteers are welcome; contact Woltjen at 415-970-8061 or cheryl.woltjen@sfgov.org.

If you'd also like to help plan future events at the park, attend the Upper Noe Community Recreation Council meetings held on third Wednesdays in the rec center auditorium. The next two are July 15 and Aug. 19, 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, Upper Noe's Summer Session of classes and sports activities continues full speed ahead. Drop by the center at 295 Day St., call 415-970-8061, or see www.sfreconline.org to check availability of classes. For the latest on Friends of Noe Valley Recreation Center, visit www.noevalleyrecenter.com. And if you're a dog, you can rely on Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners at fundogsf.org. **Joby's Dog Run**, located at the east end of the park, is open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

#### UPPER NOE REC CENTER SUMMER CLASSES - JUNE 1 TO AUG. 15, 2015

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

<b>Basketball Summer Camp</b>	<b>Mon., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>
<b>Tot Fitness</b>	<b>Mon., 9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>
Auditorium Free Play	Mon., 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.*
Open Gym	Mon., 2-4:30 p.m.

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

<b>Basketball Summer Camp</b>	<b>Tues., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>
Auditorium Free Play	Tues., 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
<b>Petite Bakers (3-6 yrs)</b>	<b>Tues., 10:15-11:15 a.m.</b>
Open Gym	Tues., 2-8:30 p.m.
<b>QuickStart Tennis (beginning)</b>	<b>Tues., 3:30-4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Combat Athletics for Kids (intermediate)</b>	<b>Tues., 4-5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tennis (adult intermediate/advanced)</b>	<b>Tues., 6-7 p.m.</b>
<b>Yoga - Vinyasa (all levels)</b>	<b>Tues., 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Adult Boot Camp (18+)</b>	<b>Tues., 7:45-8:45 p.m.</b>

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

<b>Basketball Summer Camp</b>	<b>Wed., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>
<b>Baby and Me (1-3 yrs)</b>	<b>Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Pilates Mat Class (adult)</b>	<b>Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</b>
Auditorium Free Play	Wed., 1-2:30 p.m.*
Open Gym	Wed., 2-6 p.m.
<b>Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (4-5 yrs)</b>	<b>Wed., 4:30-5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Karate Kidz: Little Kickers (5-6 yrs)</b>	<b>Wed., 5:30-6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tennis (adult beginning)</b>	<b>Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Drop-in Volleyball (adult, free)</b>	<b>Wed., 6:30-8:30 p.m.</b>

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

<b>Basketball Summer Camp</b>	<b>Thurs., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>
Auditorium Free Play	Thurs., 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*
<b>Senior Argentine Tango, beginning</b>	<b>Thurs., 1-4 p.m.</b>
Open Gym	Thurs., 2-5 p.m.; 6:30-8:30 p.m.
<b>Yoga - Gentle Hatha (18+)</b>	<b>Thurs., 6:30-7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Core Stability and Balance (18+)</b>	<b>Thurs., 7:45-8:45 p.m.</b>

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

<b>Basketball Summer Camp</b>	<b>Fri., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.</b>
<b>Tot Fitness</b>	<b>Fri., 9:30-10:30 a.m.</b>
Auditorium Free Play	Fri., 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.*
<b>Pilates Mat Class (adult)</b>	<b>Fri., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</b>
Open Gym	Fri., 2-6 p.m.
<b>Combat Athletics for Kids (fundamentals)</b>	<b>Fri., 4:30-6 p.m.</b>
<b>Future Chefs (9-13 yrs)</b>	<b>Fri., 6:30-8 p.m.</b>
<b>Drop-in Volleyball (adult, free)</b>	<b>Fri., 6:30-8:30 p.m.</b>

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

<b>Yoga - Vinyasa (all levels)</b>	<b>Sat., 9:15-10:15 a.m.</b>
Open Gym (except June 13)	Sat., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Auditorium Free Play	Sat., noon-4:30 p.m. (may vary)*
<b>QuickStart Tennis (beginning)</b>	<b>Sat., 1-2 p.m.</b>

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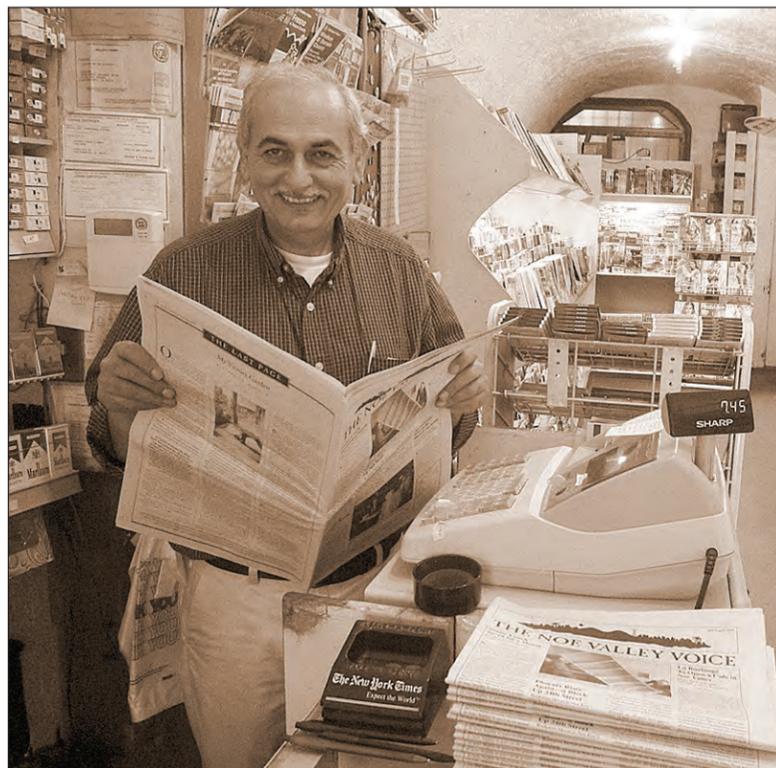


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**Castro Area Planning + Action**  
 Contact: 621-0120  
 Email: info@capasf.org  
 Meetings: Second Thursday, Eureka Valley Rec Center, 100 Collingwood St., 7:30 p.m.

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

**Castro Farmers' Market**  
 Wednesdays, 4 to 8 p.m. (March through December), Noe Street at Market Street  
 Contact: Steve Adams, 431-2359  
 Sponsor: Merchants of Upper Market & Castro; www.CastroMerchants.com

**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  
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**Fair Oaks Neighbors**  
 Email: hello@fairoaksneighbors.org  
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 The annual street fair is held the day before Mother's Day.

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**Glen Park Neighborhood History Project**  
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**Juri Commoners**  
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**Merchants of Upper Market and Castro**  
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**Noe Valley Association—24th Street Community Benefit District**  
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 Email: info@noevalleyassociation.org  
 Website: www.noevalleyassociation.org  
 Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

**Noe Valley Democratic Club**  
 Contact: Hunter Stern, 282-9042; hls5@ibew1245.com  
 Website: noevalleydems.com  
 Meetings: Third Wednesdays, St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St., 7:30 p.m. Call to confirm meeting dates.

**Noe Valley Farmers Market**  
 Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3861 24th St. between Vicksburg and Sanchez.  
 Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332  
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**Noe Valley Library Campaign**  
 Contacts: Kim Drew, 643-4695, kkdrew@yahoo.com  
 Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, 626-7500, info@friendssfpl.org

**Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)**  
 Contact: Robert Roddick, 641-8687  
 Meetings: Last Wednesdays of January, February, March, April, July, October, and November, at Bank of America, second floor, 9 a.m. Breakfast meetings May and September at Noe's Nest, 10 a.m.  
 Website: www.No ValleyMerchants.com

**San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)**  
 Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-coordinators Maxine Fabulis, mfasulis@yahoo.com; Carole Roberts, carole\_roberts@faludi.com  
 http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879  
 Meetings: See website for training schedules.

**Noe Valley Parent Network**  
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**Noe Valley Parents, San Francisco**  
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**Outer Noe Valley Merchants**  
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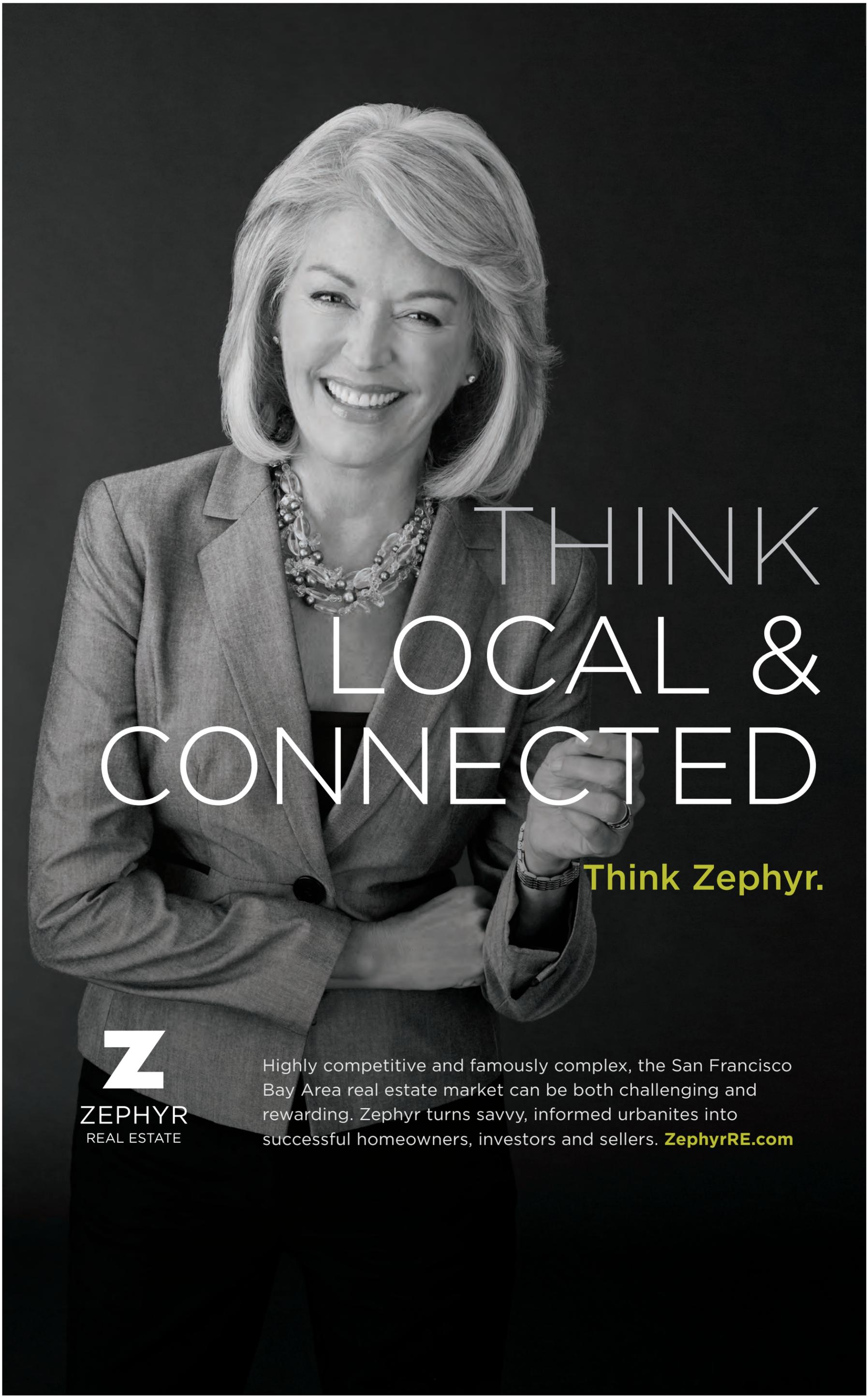
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