



# THE NOE VALLEY VOICE



**Players Gonna Play.** A passion for gaming is evident as people fill the hall adjacent to St. Paul's Church on a Friday evening in April.

Photo by Art Bodner

## Friday Night Rites: Bingo at St. Paul's

Tradition Continues for More Than Six Decades

By Corrie M. Anders

The doors open at 5 p.m., but the action doesn't start until nearly two hours later. By 5:30 p.m., the parish hall at St. Paul's Catholic Church is already half full of eager players hoping to go home with a bundle of cash.

Some people bring talismans to boost their chances of winning, and the more superstitious among them sit in the same seats they sat in the previous week. While waiting, they socialize or snack on hot dogs and hamburgers purchased from the parish kitchen.

Then, at 6:45 p.m., the microphone crackles, and the buzz in the room falls silent. The games are set to begin.

It's Friday night bingo—a slice of Americana in Noe Valley—where local residents out for a night of fun mingle with serious gamers who travel the bingo circuit seeking to win prize money that can top \$1,000.

Clearly, bingo can be more than just pocket change for players. But the friendly game of chance also provides a much-needed financial assist to the operating budget at St. Paul's, a neighborhood institution for more than a century.

"You could call it a rainy-day fund,"

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**Plant Day:** The Noe Valley Garden Tour shows off nine gardens on Saturday, May 21. See page 10 for the details. Photo by Lisa Erdos

## Town Square Bid Comes in Under Budget

Meanwhile, Artists Offer New Choices for Owl Sculptures

By Matthew S. Bajko

A San Francisco-based construction firm has been awarded the contract to build out the Noe Valley Town Square public park on 24th Street.

Bauman Landscape & Construction, Inc. bid \$1,097,720 to do the work, the lowest of the seven bids submitted to the city by various firms. The city's construc-

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**Comic Inspiration:** Members of Bookworms hear tips from Noe Valley cartoonist Judd Winick at the club's April meeting at Folio Books. The once-a-month gathering is hosted by children's book buyer Alissa Hugel (standing, right).

Photo by Beverly Tharp

## Adventures of the Bookworms Club

Young Readers Have Fun Picturing the Literary Life

By Olivia Boler

If it's the third Friday evening of the month, chances are young book enthusiasts are gathering at Folio Books on 24th Street. That's when the shop's Bookworms Club meets for pizza and fun activities focused on books, reading, and writing. Most of the members are in grades three through six. They come from neighborhoods and schools around the city and even as far as Daly City.

"Bookworms provides a space for kids from 8 to 12 years old to talk about and experience books for their age group in different ways," says Alissa Hugel, Folio's children's book buyer, who took over running the club after former store manager Martha Pettit moved away.

Hugel cut her teeth for years as an

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# Noe Valley Democratic Club



June 7<sup>th</sup> Election Endorsements

## CANDIDATES



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## PROPOSITIONS



**A – YES** Public Health & Safety Bond



**B – YES** Recreation and Park Open Space Fund

**C – YES** Affordable Housing Requirements



**D – YES** Office of Citizen Complaints Investigations

**E – YES** Paid Sick Leave

**AA – YES** SF Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention & Habitat Restoration

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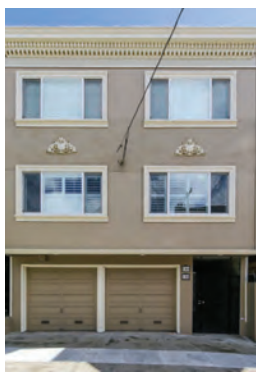
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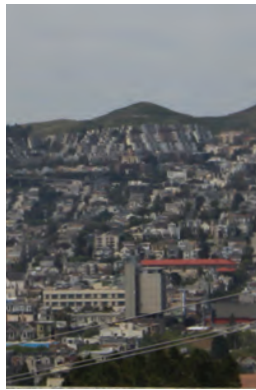
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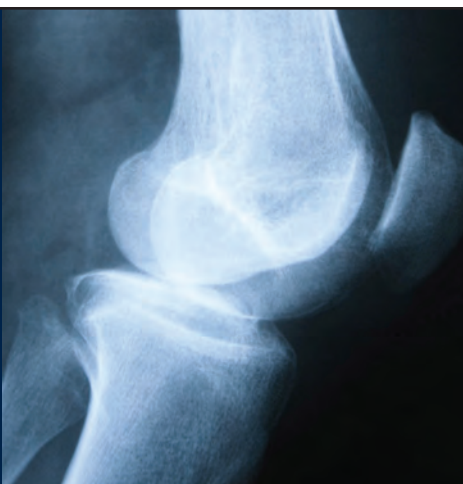
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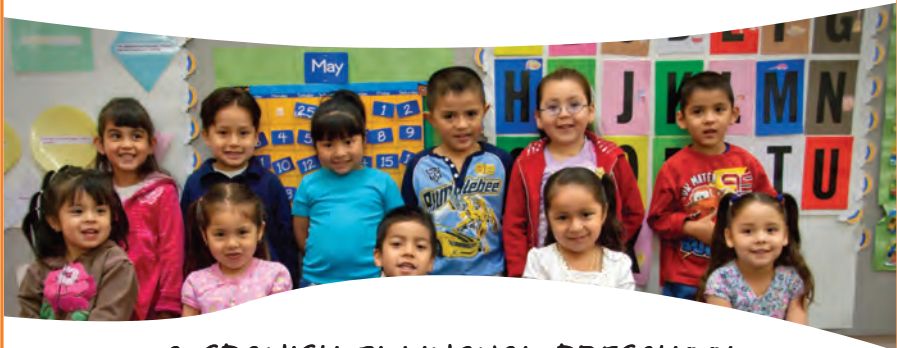
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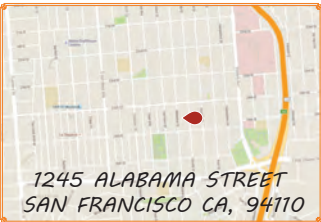


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# LETTERS 49¢

## Let's Tidy Up the Neighborhood

Editor:

I am a senior who has been living in an apartment on Jersey Street for the past 15 years. Since I have recently become a dog owner, I take several walks each day. I am dismayed by the increasing amount of litter that is strewn around this beautiful neighborhood. Although urban planners and homeowners have done what they can to beautify sidewalk areas, many have become repositories for garbage—from unopened newspaper packets and plastic bags, to cigarette butts and food and candy wrappers. It is a sad and disheartening sight.

I would suggest that, besides the city's recycling bins seen on every street corner, an equal number of trash receptacles could be put in place. Maybe that would discourage people from mindlessly tossing their rubbish wherever they might be

walking or standing.

If that cannot be done, perhaps schools on occasion could send out students to help rectify the situation. We are privileged to live in this community. We are all responsible for its upkeep.

Anna Van der Heide  
Jersey Street

## Another Fan of Dr. Markison

Editor:

I want to thank you for the heartwarming article about Dr. Bob Markison ["Dr. Markison—He's Got the Touch," April 2016]. After going to several doctors and trying various therapies for my repetitive strain injury, I was referred to Dr. Markison.

He knew exactly what I needed to heal and treated me with kindness and great care. I will forever be grateful to him.

Thank you, Dr. Markison.

Theresa S. Day  
Sanchez Street

## Can the Town Square Be an Eco-Playground?

Editor:

I've been reading the *Voice* for decades now, so thanks—I really appreciate the work you do.

Your recent articles about the new town square on 24th Street tickled an idea being worked on by my students at SF State, where I teach sociology.

There is established technology for capturing the energy of kinetic equipment. Playgrounds have been built out of mainly recycled materials, and the movements of the equipment generate electricity for powering lights, music, and electronic education screens.

If you search online the term "eco-playground," you will see some cool technology that we could incorporate into our new park.

Kevin Danaher  
(Noe Valley resident since 1985)

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Memphis finds comfort in chenille after last month's exciting adventure. Photo courtesy the Murphys

## Escape from Noe Courts

Heavenly muses who protect our canines,  
Who help our poets to meet their deadlines,  
Inspire this Bard with your deftly graces,  
To tell of a dog who slipped his traces.

Memphis is the name of this runaway dog,  
This is the gist of his getaway jog.  
Let's begin our tail right from the start:  
Memphis is leashed, it's a trip to the park!

Long-eared, long-bodied, with coat of tan,  
Handsome and collared when the trip began.  
Who would believe that this canine model,  
Would make a break to run full throttle?

At Noe Courts, where it's dogs and tennis,  
That's where befalls security's menace.  
Unbeknownst to owner, a bearded man,  
The dog's Velcro vest has broken its band.

The vest no longer holds a naughty dog,  
And the Dachshund escapes into the fog!  
The dog had a collar when the trip began,  
Now the man stands, just a leash in his hand.

First, Memphis runs along Twenty-fourth,  
Switches to Elizabeth, a block to the north.  
Slight of stature, with less common sense,  
This dachshund's running like Hunter Pence.

Where there was a tail, a void now appears,  
The worried owner is feeling new fears.

Whither goes he? Does he know the way home?  
Is the proverb true? All roads lead to Rome?

With cars to his left, and cars to his right,  
Memphis is running with all of his might.  
His ears thrown back in cavalier fashion,  
This dog thinks he was just made for dashing.

No call will fetch him as he heads for home,  
"I'll see Lloyd, maybe get me a bone."  
At Church Street; address: Ten Eighty Five,  
He dodges the "J" train, a clever dive.

Into Lloyd's arms he jumps with a smile,  
"Hello! Mom! Guess who just ran a mile?"  
A few minutes later, Dan's at the door,  
Memphis is in bed, asleep on the floor.

Do you smile at a dog that shows such flair?  
That's what we did. You had to be there.

—Daniel C Murphy

*Daniel C Murphy is a native San Franciscan who grew up at the corner of Duncan and Guerrero streets. He lives with his wife, Lloyd, and their proud dog Memphis, at 1085 Church St. Memphis is a rescue dachshund adopted from the Marin Humane Society. Hunter Pence is, of course, the swift-footed outfielder who plays for the San Francisco Giants.*



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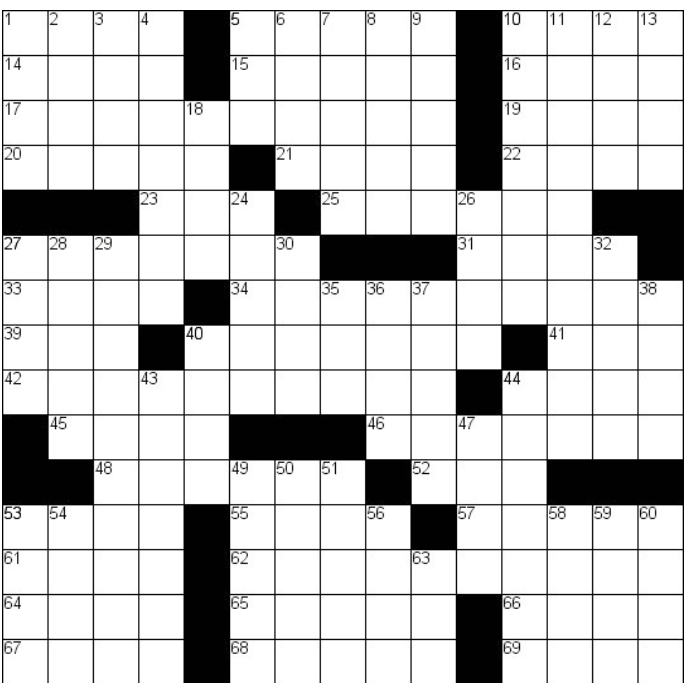
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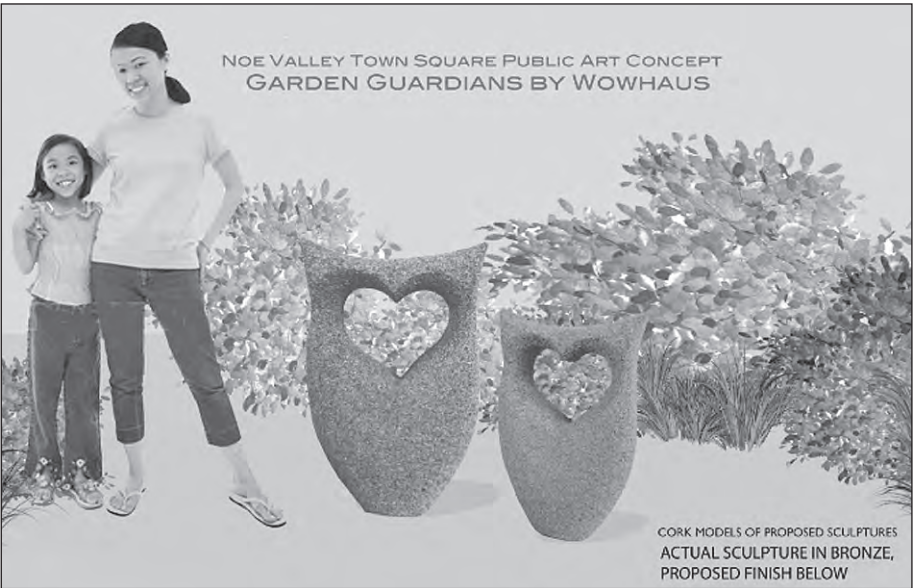
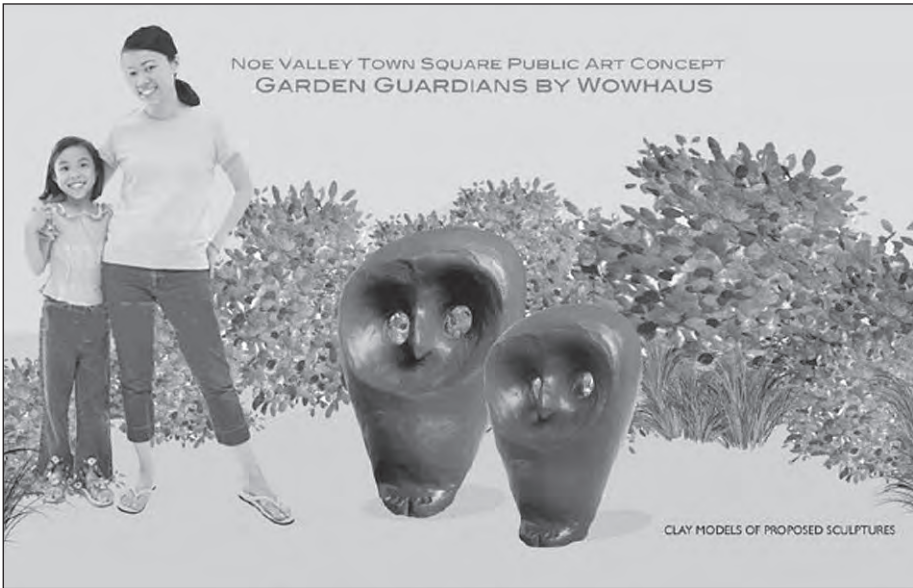
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  - 5. Pards
  - 10. Quote from an Umpqua Bank lender
  - 14. Caskhouse purchase
  - 15. Disinfectant brand
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  - 17. Gave a piggyback ride to Adam's wife?
  - 19. Ear part
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  - 21. Great Lake
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  - 34. Fate of *USA Today* editor who pinched themes from *New York Times* crosswords?
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  - 41. Beaujolais, *par exemple*
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  - 48. Safari sights
  - 52. "Stupid me!"
  - 53. Soap brand with "pumice"
  - 55. Airing, in a way
  - 57. Start of a Maupin title
  - 61. Cut, as nails



- 62. 24th Street store, or an anagram of the other five 10-letter entries in this puzzle
  - 64. Cut into small cubes
  - 65. Mazda roadster
  - 66. Almond (toffee candy)
  - 67. A favorite at Wimbledon
  - 68. Fervor
  - 69. Hall of Fame ballplayer Slaughter
- DOWN
- 1. The basics, for short
  - 2. Do an usher's job
  - 3. "Pass it to me!"
  - 4. Inconsistent
  - 5. Cavs, on a scoreboard
  - 6. Jekyll's counterpart
  - 7. Tech support seekers
  - 8. Offering at the Alamo Drafthouse
  - 9. Catch some Z's
  - 10. St. Louis Cardinal, informally
  - 11. A role for Jack Tipple at the *Voice*?
  - 12. Without any slack
  - 13. Austen heroine
  - 18. Apple Store purchase
  - 24. Daughter of Desi Arnaz
  - 26. When said three times, a 1970 war film
  - 27. Artist Chagall
  - 28. Brand of fake fat
  - 29. More-expensive bad habit?
  - 30. \_\_\_-pedi: High Class Nails offering
  - 32. Sheeplike
  - 35. "Awesome!"
  - 36. Are, in Arles
  - 37. Goofed
  - 38. City NNW of Oklahoma City
  - 40. *The X-Files* org.
  - 43. Like two fingers of a peacenik
  - 44. France's second-busiest port
  - 47. Exercise one's franchise
  - 49. Marilyn, originally
  - 50. Radio booth sign
  - 51. Treasured violin, for short
  - 53. Some HDTVs
  - 54. "I cannot tell \_\_\_!"
  - 56. Forbid
  - 58. Zodiac creature
  - 59. Danish footwear brand
  - 60. Oceans
  - 63. \_\_\_ es Salaam, Tanzania

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Wowhaus has submitted two new designs for its “Garden Greeters” at the Noe Valley Town Square on 24th Street. The San Francisco Arts Commission is expected to make a choice by June.

## Town Square Owl Designs—Round 3

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tion budget for the project is set at \$1,153,000.

Because of the current building boom in the city, the recreation and park department had pulled out a stage canopy structure and movable furniture for the park as separate items when it advertised the contract for the town square project in December. In case the bids came in over budget, it was decided those elements could be scrapped to save on costs.

But due to Bauman’s bid being lower than expected, both of those items will be included in the construction budget. The recreation and park commission signed off on awarding the contract to Bauman at its April 21 meeting.

Melinda Stockmann, a project manager with the park department’s capital and planning division, told the *Noe Valley Voice* that the construction should begin in May and be completed as expected by late October. The soil remediation of the site was completed in April.

The city is transforming the 10,829-square-foot lot at 3861 24th St., between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets, into a largely open and flexible plaza that can host the Noe Valley Farmers Market on Saturdays and other community events throughout the week.

The public park will include such features as a perimeter garden, a play area for children, a garden trellis, benches, a storage structure, lighting, and a public restroom.

“We’re very pleased with the progress on Noe Valley Town Square,” said recreation and park department spokesperson Joey Kahn, adding, “This is part of our effort to meet the growing need for open space in this city.”

Formerly a church-owned parking lot,

the city purchased the property in June of 2013 due to a neighborhood-led initiative to maintain the site as open space and for use by the farmers market.

“As far as I know, everything is moving on time and on schedule for an October opening,” said Todd David, a co-founder of Residents for Noe Valley Town Square. “The little hiccup we are having is around the art. That is it. But that won’t delay the opening.”

### Owl Statues Reworked

As the *Voice* reported last month, the approval process for the planned “Garden Guardians” artwork at the town square is taking longer than city officials had anticipated.

In the fall, using a fast-track selection process, the San Francisco Arts Commission chose married couple Scott Constable and Ene Osteraas-Constable, who go by the name Wowhaus, to create a public art installation with a budget of \$37,100.

The artists’ initial concept of bronze statues in the form of a large owl and two toads was scrapped after the Mayor’s Office of Disability said the toads posed a climbing hazard for children and would require a 6-foot fall zone around them. In March, the arts commission’s Visual Arts Committee rejected a second design concept, featuring a parliament of three owls, for being too “skull-like.”

In April, Wowhaus submitted two new proposals, each now featuring just two bronze owls, meant to evoke a parent and child. To be installed on a pathway that leads to the town square’s children’s play space, the tallest of the pair would be 3 feet in height and the smaller one would be 28 inches.

One concept leans toward a more realistic interpretation of the avian creatures, and has beaks and feet. The other is more abstract, with forms that suggest the shape of owls with heart-shaped cutouts where the faces would be.

Having just a duo, as opposed to a trio,

of owl statues “has less of a flock feel,” said Ene Osteraas-Constable, “and more of a mother, child relationship.”

It had been expected that the Visual Arts Committee would make a choice between the two proposals at its April 20 meeting. But arts commission staff announced they were asking for a postponement in order to give the public more time to weigh in on the two designs.

In presenting the new works to the panel, Scott Constable said the more abstract version “is more iconic in a way. It would allow for greater interaction with the kids.”

His wife added that the artists were “trying to avoid it being cute, per se.”

Commissioner Barbara Sklar said the artists had taken “a great step away” from the previous concerns the panel had. She added, “My grandchildren would love either one.”

### Still Time to Comment

In an email to the *Voice* following the meeting, Scott Constable stressed that the couple wished to remain neutral in terms of which concept they preferred. And he expressed confidence that the city was close to making a final decision.

“We have a sterling reputation, with 20 years of experience making community-engaged, interactive public sculpture for all ages across the United States,” he wrote. “The cumulative success of our projects themselves is proof positive that ‘Garden Guardians’ will become a beloved icon of the neighborhood for generations.”

The Visual Arts Committee will next meet at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in Room 125 inside the War Memorial Building, located at 401 Van Ness Ave. Should it vote as expected that day, then the chosen concept would be sent to the arts commission for final approval at its meeting June 6.

Despite the delay in signing off on the artwork, the city’s intention is for the statues to be installed when the park opens in the fall.

Public comments can be emailed to Mary Chou, the project manager for the arts commission’s Public Art Program, at [mary.chou@sfgov.org](mailto:mary.chou@sfgov.org).

To review the artwork proposals, as well as find more information and updates about the town square, visit the online project site at [www.tinyurl.com/noevalleytownsquare](http://www.tinyurl.com/noevalleytownsquare). ■

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# The Path to Nine Noe Gardens

May 21 Tour Promises to Be ‘Very Walkable’

By Richard May

The first Noe Valley Garden Tour was in 2006. The 10th is Saturday, May 21, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wait a minute, you say. Shouldn’t this be the 11th? Yes, only there was no tour in 2009. Not enough gardens were nominated.

There are nine gardens this year, concentrated in Upper Noe and the Fairmount rather than spread across Noe Valley, as in previous years.

Linda Lockyer of Friends of Noe Valley, which sponsors the tour, says the organizers are “trying to make it easier for those touring to see all the gardens. It’s very walkable.” Another benefit, she says, is that you “can see how things grow in a particular area.”

The gardens include a Victorian English garden; a terraced garden with intricate stonework; a Mediterranean garden with a fountain, succulents, and bamboo; a front-yard garden with flowers and fruit trees; a large sidewalk garden; a native plant garden with all the plants labeled; two patio gardens that extend their owners’ living space; and the spectacular half-acre garden off the third floor of the 30th Street Senior Center.

All of the gardens are owner designed and maintained, except the one at the senior center. Many of the owners will be on hand during the tour, to talk about their gardens and show “before” photos.

Tickets go on sale online, in stores, and Saturdays at the Noe Valley Farmers Market the first week of May. You can buy them at friendsofnoevalley.com or at six



Sunlight points to a restful spot in a Mediterranean garden on Noe Street, one of nine featured in this year’s Noe Valley Garden Tour.

Photo by Lisa Erdos

neighborhood shops: Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, Folio Books, Just for Fun, Olive This Olive That, Omnivore Books, and Small Frys. At the Farmers Market, look for the Friends of Noe Valley table.

Tour prices are \$18 for people between 61 and 12, \$15 for those 62 or older, and free for the under 12 crowd. A map and guide come with the ticket.

Your ticket also includes free admission to two gardening talks by master gardener Suzanne Bontempo of Our Water Our World. Bontempo says she’ll let you know “how you can have a happy, healthy garden without using toxic pesticides.” Her talks on organic gardening basics and integrated pest management are at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on tour day, at the

30th Street Senior Center, 225 30th St.

You can earn a free ticket by becoming a garden greeter, which means taking a two-hour shift at a garden to take and sell tickets and give directions. Plus, there’ll be a warm-up party for volunteers Wednesday, May 18, at Umpqua Bank. Contact lisa.erdos@att.net to volunteer.

Another way to give and get is the Garden Tour Raffle, sponsored by Stephanie Johnson of Pacific Union Realty. You might even see Johnson and her kids at the ticket sales table at the Saturday Farmers Market. Raffles are \$5 each, three for \$10, and eight for \$20. The prize is a \$300 Sloat Garden Centers gift certificate and four hours of landscape labor by Manuel Franco Landscaping. All pro-

ceeds go to the Noe Valley Garden Tour.

Your tour ticket also does good for others. A donation to neighborhood beautification is made each year from net proceeds. This year, the recipient will be the student garden at Fairmount Elementary School on Chenery Street. Previous recipients include Alvarado Elementary, James Lick Middle School, the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, Upper Noe Recreation Center, and landscaping along 24th Street and on Guerrero Street.

The Garden Tour was established by Friends as a way for neighbors to get to know one another—and their gardens. The Friends garden committee is co-chaired by Linda Lockyer and Jana King. Michelle Echenique and Lisa Erdos organize the garden greeters, Peggy Cling rounds up sponsors, Adrian Bonifacio handles promotion and online ticket sales, and Arete Nicholas, another master gardener, helps select gardens.

Lockyer has been on the committee six years and King for five. Asked how she got involved, Lockyer said, “I was a new board member of Friends of Noe Valley, and I volunteered. Also, I love to garden.”

King laughed when asked how she got involved. “My garden was on the tour. It was so much fun. I got roped into it” the next year. She says she stays involved because of “the camaraderie and my love of gardens.”

King encourages everyone to take the tour. She believes you “will be really surprised and really invigorated with new ideas. And you’ll meet lots of great people!”

Lockyer has the last word, a plug for 2017. “It’s very hard to find gardens,” she says. “If you have one or a friend has one, please send suggestions for next year” to lindalockyer3@gmail.com.

Don’t let 2017 be like 2009. Nominate your garden. ■

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# Neighbors Lobby Against Project Creep

Planning Process Favors Developers, They Say

By Matthew S. Bajko

When several neighbors first met with the architect working on the renovation of the Queen Anne Victorian at 363 Jersey St., they saw nothing in the proposal that would cause them major distress.

The plans presented at that meeting, which took place in November of 2014, called for extending the home’s backyard deck and adding a room below it, which seemed “reasonable,” said John Broderick, who with his wife, Carol, in 1993 bought the mirror-image Queen Anne next door at 367 Jersey. Added Carol Broderick, “It didn’t look too bad.”

Rasa Moss, who bought the adjacent property at 359 Jersey St. in 1973 with her late husband, also felt the proposal described at that meeting “sound[ed] fine too and was totally reasonable,” though she did have concerns that it would block the sunlight coming into her home.

After that initial get-together, however, the neighbors have felt “left in the dark,” said John Broderick, as the proposal has gone through half a dozen different iterations over the ensuing 17 months.

The problem, contend the Brodericks and Moss, is that there is no requirement for architects and developers to notify nearby residents of their projects when they make changes to their initial proposal. After the required pre-application meeting with neighbors, the process becomes opaque as city planners review the project and the developer responds to their critiques and alters their plans.

“There should be a requirement to notify people if they radically change the plans,” said John Broderick.

Last spring, after they had asked a friend who is an architect to look at the plans for 363 Jersey St., the Brodericks learned that the scope of the work had expanded to include a fourth-floor addition with a staircase leading up to a penthouse and roof deck, as well the inclusion of an elevator that would go from a new underground garage up to the roof.

“They will submit plans to the planner, and if you are not aware, you can’t track it,” said John Broderick. “They are coming in the back door to test the waters. They are able to negotiate sometimes and influence the city planner, who is very busy, and the neighborhood doesn’t have an opportunity to hear about it.”

Added Carol Broderick, “Now I am paranoid because we have to check up every two to three weeks to check the plans.”

The neighbors are at a disadvantage, she added, because the planning codes are complex and in a language not easily understood.

“You will lose this contest because it is their world, the developers and planners,” said Carol Broderick.

Moss added, “We have been diligent and we have friends who are architects who have helped us understand the plans.”

## Queen Anne Façade in Peril

As for the architect working on the 363 Jersey St. project, Earle Weiss, of EE Weiss Architects in Mill Valley, he said he agrees the city’s notification process could be improved.

“The city requires this minimal notification. I have personally felt that is not good enough,” said Weiss, who works on upwards of 15 projects a year in the city



Rasa Gustaitis and Carol and John Broderick want the city to require developers to notify neighbors when major changes are made to a project midway through the design process.

and “most go smoothly.” As for 363 Jersey, he said, “This has just turned into insanity.”

In response to the neighbors’ objections, Weiss at first removed the fourth-floor addition and added a setback on the side next to Moss to not block her sunlight. He initially resisted calls by the neighbors and planning staff to also eliminate the penthouse and the underground garage. And he has argued with planning staff on whether the existing structure is three stories, as he contends, or one and a half stories, as a planning report described the house.

Under the current plan, Weiss said both of those elements are also gone, with the garage now to be built above ground, which would result in altering the building’s historic façade and bay window.

“It has reached the point of stupidity. If they want us to destroy this Queen Anne, we will do it,” he said.

## Owners a Mystery

The house was purchased in August of 2014 for \$1.95 million by Stroller & Fleece, LLC. Weiss would not disclose who the actual owners are, though public records indicate that Griffith Harsh, one of Hewlett Packard Enterprise CEO Meg Whitman’s sons, is a member of the LLC.

The secrecy around the home’s owners has only added to the neighbors’ suspicions about the remodeling plans. At this point, Weiss said the process has resulted in so much mistrust and acrimony, he expects whatever plan he submits to the city will be opposed.

“The neighbors are going to DR us even if we put a doghouse in back. It doesn’t matter what we do,” said Weiss, using the initials for a discretionary review, which those opposed to a project can file in order to ensure the city’s planning commission reviews the project.

## Better Notification Sought

Based on their experience, the trio of Jersey Street neighbors is convinced the notification process should be reformed. Not everyone has the resources, or the



Responding to pleas from neighbors and city planners, the architect for the proposed renovation at 363 Jersey St. (left) shelved plans for a penthouse and an underground garage. Still, he suspects no one will be happy with the revised above-ground location. Photos by Pamela Gerard

time, to be constantly checking with the planning department to see if changes have been made to nearby projects.

Last fall, they turned to the planning commission for help. During public comment at one of the oversight panel’s meetings, they beseeched the seven-member body to find a way to have the neighbors informed when a project changes significantly after the required pre-application meeting.

Planning commissioner Dennis Richards, who as a former president of the Duboce Triangle Neighborhood Association often negotiated with developers over their plans, was sympathetic to their concerns. In conversations with the planning department about the notification issues, he said that the staff and planning director John Rahaim agreed it could be improved.

“The issue is when do you meet with the neighborhood in terms of timing and what is the threshold of the size of the project. It used to be you would meet with

them upfront, but then the project could change dramatically by the time of the actual entitlements at the planning commission when the plans show up,” said Richards. “You sit there with project A, then it comes out as project B. We are trying to fill in the gap between the initial application and the final plans.”

Improving the notification process is “good government” and “makes common sense,” argued Richards, and could result in fewer projects coming before the planning commission for review. At a meeting he had in February with 30 local developers, Richards said the issue came up and several of the developers said they already keep neighbors abreast of changes they make to their plans.

“No one I know has said it is not a good idea, even developers. They don’t want a discretionary review filed on their projects,” said Richards, as it can delay the permitting process by six months or more and cost thousands of dollars in attorney fees. “If neighbors knew upfront about the changes, they could work with developers to make changes or reach compromises. There could be a little less of a gap between what the neighbors want and what the project sponsor wants. Now the gap is huge.”

## Lack of Staff an Issue

According to Richards, the planning department is seeking funding in its Fiscal Year 2016-2017 budget to hire additional fulltime staff to track projects and alert the impacted neighbors when changes are made.

Asked about the funding request—which would need to be approved by Mayor Ed Lee and then the Board of Supervisors by July 29—and increasing the notification for projects, planning department spokeswoman Gina Simi told the *Voice*, “We have been having discussions about involving planners earlier in the pre-application process, but we haven’t formalized anything at this time.”

Rahaim has committed to developing a program that allows for planning staff to attend neighborhood meetings to provide details about a project before it’s been scheduled for a hearing before the planning commission. The focus at first would be larger projects, but Rahaim hopes to expand the effort once the budget is approved.

“Several communities have expressed concern that the public is often not aware of review procedures required for projects and is not informed of changes to a project after the initial application,” said Rahaim in a statement to the *Voice*. “If the community has the opportunity to ask questions directly of staff regarding a particular project before it’s been scheduled for a hearing at commission—but after staff has had the time to learn more about its design—I believe it will help eliminate many concerns that are brought on by a lack of information.”

## Slim Hopes for Progress

As for the neighbors, Moss says the proposal to hire more staff to keep neighbors informed about projects “is a remote step,” since it has yet to be finalized.

“It sounds like a good step. But it doesn’t sound like it will solve immediate problems with people this year or next,” she said, referring to projects already in the pipeline.

Weiss, the architect on 363 Jersey, said he was concerned that changing the notification process would result in costly delays.

“I don’t like to share plans that have not been approved by the planning department because they can change again,” he said. “It will just slow the process down more. The problem right now is there are so many layers. If they want to add more layers, it will just add to delays.” ■



# Bookworms Club Thrives at Folio

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intern and staffer at Cover to Cover Book-sellers (it closed in 2011). When she was 12, on her way home from Rooftop Middle School to the Mission, she'd hop off the bus and hang out in the store on a daily basis, a bookworm through and through.

Now 26, Hugel was the perfect choice to helm the club. She'd helped Pettit run the meetings and already knew most of the "Bookworms," who call her Ali.

Bookworms Club is held on third Fridays from 6 to 7:15 p.m. It doesn't meet in July because attendance is low due to summer vacations; nor is it held in December when holiday gift-buying makes things at the shop "insane."

Kids are welcome to RSVP for meetings on [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for "Bookworms Club" in San Francisco). If a child is a little younger than 8 or older than 12, and really, really wants to attend, that's perfectly fine. A \$5 deposit is required to hold a spot.

"This way we know how much pizza to provide, and we can tell the author how many kids to expect," Hugel says.

At the meeting, the deposit is returned in the form of a Folio Books gift certificate. If a participant no-shows, the money is donated to the Children's Book Project ([www.childrensbookproject.org](http://www.childrensbookproject.org)), a non-profit that provides new and gently used books to families and schools in need.

### Crafts and Writing Projects

At some meetings, Bookworms participate in a writing project, such as poetry or book reviews. "Recently, we had them write letters to themselves, and they'll open them in 2017, and see what their

2016 selves had to say," Hugel laughs.

Other times, the focus is on crafts. These have included making bookmarks, drawing favorite comic book characters, or creating their own graphic novels. Occasionally, the results are exhibited in the store windows. A display that hangs in the children's book section of the store—"Reading Grows Minds"—was made at a Bookworms session. During crafts, Hugel works alongside the kids and gently facilitates a discussion about books.

"While they're immersed, I might ask them questions about their favorite books or things they've recently read." There isn't any required reading—just an easy conversation about what cool books, new and old, are out there.

### A Visit From a Cartoonist

Most club meetings feature visiting authors, many of them local. These special guests give presentations, hold question-and-answer sessions, and if the children have a copy, autograph their books.

"There isn't any pressure or obligation to purchase the book, and we never suggest kids read the author's books beforehand," Hugel says.

By the same token, Bookworms are not required or pushed to ask the author questions. "We do have some very shy kids, and we want them to know that they don't have to talk at all," Hugel says. "But they still have access to this community they can connect to in a public space."

In April, during one of these typical author visits, the featured guest was Noe Valley cartoonist Judd Winick. He talked about his middle-grade graphic novel *HiLo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth* (Random House, 2015). The second book in the six-book action-adventure series, *HiLo: Saving the Whole Wide World*, will be published May 17.

During the meeting, Winick gave a

slide show of his career, beginning with his childhood obsessions with Loony Tunes, newspaper comic strips, and the movies *King Kong* and *Star Wars*. He segued into his successes as a Batman comic books illustrator and in TV work, and his role as a dad.

When it was time for Q and A, several of the 14 Bookworms in attendance had questions like, "Who inspired you to do comic strips?" (Answer: His mom and dad, and *Garfield*). Another asked, "What's the worst comic strip you ever read?" (Answer and a graceful sidestep: "I'd rather talk about strips I love like *Calvin & Hobbes*!") A mother asked if he had any tips or advice for young cartoonists. (Answer: Copy cartoons you like. Then write your own short stories with a beginning, middle, and end.)

Hugel asked Winick to draw something for the group. Right on the spot, he drew the character HiLo. His audience oohed and ahed. All the while, the kids munched on Haystack pizza (choice of cheese or pepperoni) and sipped on organic juice boxes. The evening ended with Winick signing some copies of his books.

### 'It's Just Really Fun'

Bookworm Liam Hoffman, 12, lives in the Excelsior and attends Synergy School. He's participated in about five club events and says he really likes getting introduced to new books. "Ali is nice and helps me find books. I also get new books every time I come."

Noe Valley resident Kate Prince, 8, agrees. "They have most of my favorite authors and books," she says. Her twin sister Charlotte says she likes that "the authors get to talk to us." The sisters also enjoy using their Bookworms gift certificates to buy and share new books.

Caroline Edmundson, who turns 10 in June and also lives in the neighborhood, says, "I like that it's not packed, and the kids are nice."

Brothers Sammy and Jake Long, 7 and 10, of Twin Peaks, were attending their first Bookworms gathering. They came away from it with favorable impressions. "I like that there are lots of books," Sammy says. His brother adds, "I like that I learned about drawing cartoons."

Nine-year-old Rell Genteler, whose favorite genre is fantasy and who is a regular Bookworm, sums it up nicely: "It's just really fun."

### Excited About Books

"Bookworms exposes the kids to the whole process of what goes into a book," Hugel says. "It's a great way to get them connected to the idea that, yes, there is this physical book, but there's also the person who created it. It shows them it's something they can do. But at its core, the goal of the club is to get kids interested in books and reading."

Most of the club's members are already voracious readers. Every now and then, a parent will tell Hugel that his or her child is a "reluctant reader," one who would rather do anything than pick up a book. For those kids, Hugel hopes at least one experience at Bookworms will get them engaged and reading.

"It's been really fun to get to know these different kids who are excited about books, either because of Bookworms or

because of a particular author or book they love," says Hugel.

The next Bookworms meeting takes place Friday, May 20, and features returning cartoonist Paige Braddock of the *Stinky Cecil* graphic novel series. For more information, stop by Folio Books, 3957 24th St., or go to the website, [www.foliosf.com](http://www.foliosf.com) ■

### Bookworms' Top Picks

The *Voice* asked Bookworms Club members to give our readers their favorite book recommendations no matter the genre, from poetry to science fiction, and from picture books to middle grade (ages 8 to 12) to young adult (13 to 17). They readily came up with some exciting suggestions.

Following are their approved reads, which can be tracked down at Folio Books or the Noe Valley Library.

**Caroline Edmundson, almost 10:** *Which Witch?* by Eva Ibbotson is about a wizard named Arriman who wants to marry. So he has a huge contest deciding who to marry. This contest is about the witch that can do the blackest magic. I like it because it has a fantasy genre.

**Hannah Edmundson, 11:** *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg is really good. A very realistic, annoying sister wants to run away, and she takes her brother, who has money [with her].

**Rell Genteler, 9:** I recommend the *Harry Potter* series by J.K. Rowling. It's really adventurous and suspenseful.


**Liam Hoffman, 12:** *The SYLO Chronicles* series by D.J. MacHale is great YA sci-fi. It's about a group of kids who band together after their home island is invaded by a mysterious branch of the U.S. military. Who is on their side? Read the series to find out!

**Jake Long, 10:** *Gregor the Overlander* [the first in the *Underland Chronicles* series] by Suzanne Collins is an amazing action/adventure book for 8 to 14 year olds.

**Charlotte Prince, 8:** One of my favorite books is *Flamingos on the Roof*, and *Polka-bats and Octopus Slacks: 14 Stories*, both by Calef Brown. [Note: These are picture books of poems and illustrations intended for children ages 4 to 8.]

**Kate Prince, 8:** *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio is probably my favorite book because it's about a deformed kid, and he is afraid of school like me on the first day at Alvarado.




**Bonnie Smith, 12:** I really like the *Keeper of the Lost Cities* series by Shannon Messenger because it has magic, make-believe, adventure, and it shows other views on things in the world.



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## Bingo Booming at St. Paul's

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said Father Mario Farana, pastor at the landmark church, at Church and Valley streets.

"Some days the collection receipts are not enough to pay a bill or two, and we use bingo to help with whatever is needed or necessary for the life of the parish."

The fundraiser must draw between 180 and 200 players in order for the church to make a profit. On Friday, April 15, there are exactly 182 paying customers competing for winnings.

The excitement is palpable as the crowd—a rainbow of ethnicities, mostly middle-aged and older—exchanges hellos and stories from the week before.

Tisha Chenier, a Fillmore District resident, has been hitting the games at St. Paul's off and on for 15 years. This night, she's brought along two of her sisters.

"I enjoy bingo," says Chenier, fondly remembering the time she won a huge jackpot. "And I'm Catholic, so I enjoy supporting the church."

### 18 Games a Night

Players sit at eight long rows of folding tables, set up cafeteria style. It's a comfortable arrangement that affords ample space for players to spread out their cards.

The Friday night fun features 18 bingo games, which pay top prizes of \$300 to \$500. Church volunteers are at the door when players arrive, dispensing packets of game sheets. Each packet contains 18 sheets, six bingo cards per sheet.

St. Paul's rules require a minimum purchase of two packets, for a total cost of \$20. Additional packets sell for \$5 each, and almost everyone in the house buys more.

In addition to the standard bingo, there are special games with names like "Little Cheese," "Wild Goose," and "Kool Kat." They cost \$3 and pay out \$300. The extra game everyone really wants to nail is called "Eleven Ninety Nine." It requires a \$1 buy-in and pays, like its name implies, \$1,199.

The church will shell out more than \$8,000 in cash before the night is done. With so much money floating around, a uniformed guard hovers near the door to maintain security.

### Daubers at the Ready

Andy Alcantar is the first of two volunteers who will call out the bingo numbers, something he's been doing for 30 years. He mounts a small platform at one end of the room and announces the rules



Twenty-sixth Street resident Virgilio Cardona Sanchez must be pretty lucky. Either that or he's a very fast draw. He's been playing and winning at St. Paul's for 20 years. Photo by Art Bodner



Bingo regular Lupe Matuu knows how to focus her mind and her dauber, so she can mark the numbers on her cards as speedily as possible. Photo by Art Bodner

for the evening.

The most important directive, Alcantar warns, is for winners to raise their hands and loudly say the word "Bingo," a prerequisite to stopping the action. A timid or soft-spoken player could conceivably lose the pot if another ball is drawn.

A word about the game: Bingo is a simple lottery. It's played on a card with the letters B-I-N-G-O across the top of a grid. Underneath each letter are rows of pre-printed numbers. A ball with a letter-number combination is randomly picked from a container—a glass canister in the case of St. Paul's—and announced to the players. The winner is the first player to mark off all the numbers in a particular pattern, such as a straight or diagonal line, on the card.

An essential bingo tool is the dauber, a fat felt-tip marker used to check off the numbers on the cards. Players can bring their own or buy them at the door for \$1.50.

As Alcantar calls out the numbers in the now-hushed room, eight rows of arms furiously work their daubers. The movements look like pistons firing in a souped-up V-8 car. With so many squares to search, players rarely look up to confirm the numbers, which are also posted on flashboards mounted on the walls.

The game requires dexterity and intense focus because most participants play multiple cards, and new numbers are called out every 15 seconds or so. One woman simultaneously plays nine sheets per game, requiring her to scan 54 sepa-

rate bingo cards with 1,350 letter-number combinations.

"You get used to it," says veteran player Lupe Matuu, explaining her ability to manage so many cards.

### 'Very Friendly Environment'

One of the early winners is Virgilio Cardona Sanchez, a 26th Street resident who has been playing bingo at St. Paul's for more than 20 years.

A self-employed housecleaner and dog walker, Sanchez splits a \$300 pot with three other winners in the room. "Seventy-five dollars is better than nothing," says Sanchez, who calls St. Paul's his favorite bingo spot due to its "very friendly environment."

Father Mario, who has been the church pastor since 1993, wanders quietly among the players. More than once in the past, he has been asked to intercede and bless a bingo card.

"I'll make a joke of it and say 'good luck. I hope you win.' And once or twice it has happened, believe it or not," laughs Father Mario, who doesn't play the game himself.

Several volunteers circulate around the room, murmuring "wild goose" or "eleven ninety-nine," trying to tempt players into purchasing more of the specialty games.

After a short intermission, the responsibility for calling numbers falls to Monica Curran, a former Noe Valley resident and longtime member of St. Paul's.

Curran, who works for a local credit union, comes from a family of bingo volunteers. Her father helped introduce bingo to St. Paul's in the early 1950s. Curran has volunteered on bingo night for more than 35 years, and her adult daughter travels from Petaluma to help out—and play—at the Friday games.

### Luck Be a Lady

The last game of the evening is the coveted Eleven Ninety Nine. Curran calls out the first number, N-38, then another, then another, until she announces "G-38."

"Bingo!" yells player Uzuri Pease Greene. The sound elicits joyful shrieks from her friends and a collective groan from the rest of players, who begin gathering their belongings.

"Bills," Greene beams after her winning numbers are confirmed. "I'm going to pay some bills."

Curran counts out \$1,199, mostly in \$20 bills. Greene, whose day job is for a nonprofit housing organization, gives thank-you tips to Curran and another volunteer, then hides the rest of the thick roll inside her calf-length boots.

It was almost 10:30 p.m. "Gotta go," Greene says. "My husband is waiting in the car." ■



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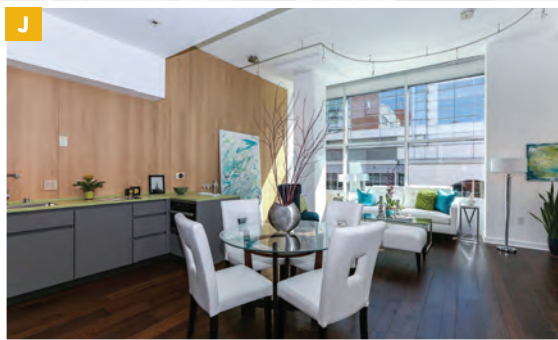
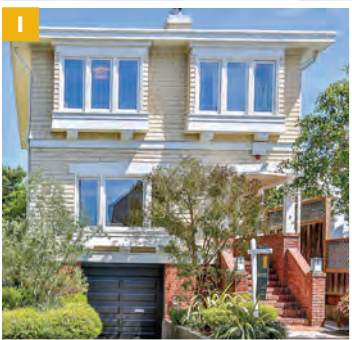
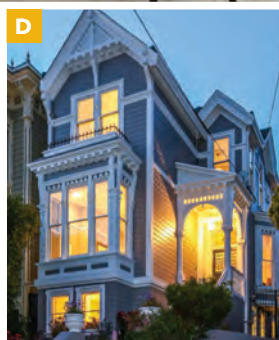


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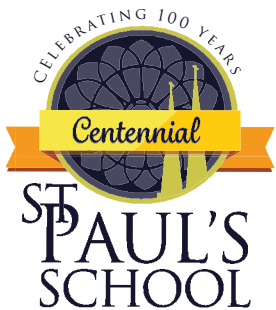
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## Life Beyond Smoothies and My Very Wise Mom

By Anna Waclawiczek

On the August 2012 morning my mother Nancy woke up to enjoy another day of her well-deserved retirement, she would have no doubt started it with her signature health drink smoothie—a concoction of orange juice, banana, and vitamin/mineral-enriched-antioxidant-health-enhancing-age-defying-etc.-etc. powder. I can picture her sitting at the dining room table tackling her daily crossword and jumble puzzles, reading her Taurus horoscope, and thinking about which of her favorite pastimes she would pursue.

For the sake of this story, let's say she went to play tennis that day. Or maybe it was bridge. For sure, she would also have included a long walk with her canine love, Leroy. But the day didn't go at all as she had planned. Instead, that evening my mother would be fighting for her life, as doctors sawed open her skull to try to stop the bleeding of the ruptured cerebral aneurysm she'd suffered while taking a catnap on the sunroom couch.

The doctors would pronounce the operation a "success." Of course, they were talking about the execution of the surgery—not what the quality of Nancy's life might be moving forward. That result failed to prove quite so triumphant; brain damage, partial paralysis, and dementia have left her in need of 24/7 care at a cash outflow of about \$100,000 per year (yes, yikes!)—proof positive that explicit advance healthcare directives don't always turn out the way you wish.

According to the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the

lifetime probability of becoming disabled in at least two activities of daily living or of being cognitively impaired is 68 percent for people age 65 and older. Needless to say, the notion that our still-trending fixation with kale smoothies (or insert the next "wonder veggie/fruit" du jour) will stave off the reality that most of us just don't want to face seems naive at best. In fact, it's pretty delusional. The majority of us are

well on track to one day needing some degree of medical assistance, whether we have a Botox-smooth forehead or not.

Fortunately, my mother was a wise woman and had a Plan B in the event

her smoothies backfired. While she was still working as an administrative assistant in the 1980s, she purchased a long-term healthcare (LTC) insurance plan. LTC insurance provides supplemental coverage in the event of chronic illnesses, disabilities, or other conditions that require regular assistance over an extended period. Importantly (and a fact that would have been very significant to my mother), the insurance was meant to protect her hard-earned retirement nest.

We now call my mother the "Duchess of Noe Valley." She lives at home in a retrofitted in-law suite (one that, had things gone differently, she'd probably be renting out on Airbnb). The windows look out to her rose bushes, dahlias, and a gargantuan palm tree so tall you can see it clearly when you look down from Twin Peaks or on Google Maps. She receives excellent help from 24/7 caregivers whose medical expertise allows them to per-

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form daily and nightly duties I simply could not do. Neighbors, friends, and her dog Leroy stop by to visit regularly.

Of course, nobody wanted this reality. Nothing my mother says anymore makes sense. Sometimes I'm not sure she knows who I am. At 83, she is frail.

But I adore her just the way she is and thank life's choreographers for her foresight, which has provided her a slice of dignity and comfort that I certainly could never have given her on my own.

Like mother like daughter, I love my smoothies too (I hear turmeric is the new wonder elixir). And like my mother, I've got a Plan B for which I hope my own family may one day be thankful, should the turmeric boomerang.

In the meantime, I try to stay in shape so that on nice days I can scale Noe Valley's hills pushing my mother's stroller. As Bette Davis once said, "Old age ain't no place for sissies." *Onward!*

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Nancy Freeman has lived in Noe Valley since 1975. Photo courtesy Anna Waclawiczek

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Janel Pekkain, owner of Olive This Olive That at 304 Vicksburg, promises she'll have "snacks like olive oil cake and strawberries to dip in dark chocolate balsamic," as well as discounts on store products during the all-day event. Gallery of Jewels will offer reduced rates on jewelry designed by an artist showcased outside the store at 4089 24th St.

You can also find discounted holiday items at Just for Fun (3982 24th St.), mark-downs on kids' clothing and toys at Mapamundi Kids (1306 Castro), and specials on San Francisco tee-shirts, ornaments, and other "cool stuff" at Cliché Noe Gifts + Home (4175 24th).

The sale is part of festivities celebrating Small Business Week May 21-28 in San Francisco. Look for posters in shop windows along 24th Street. For information, contact Dani Sheehan-Meyer at 415-282-5416.

When Rain Swamped Early Homesteads

Water explorer Joel Pomerantz will speak to the San Francisco History Association Tuesday, May 31, at St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond St.

His talk, titled "Finding the Freshet That Foiled François," will be about the disastrous storms of 1861-62, which caused massive flooding in San Francisco.

"François" was François L.A. Pioche, who with his business partner, L.L. Robinson, financed several homestead associations in early San Francisco, including the Noe Garden Homestead in 1868.

The rainstorms of 1861-62 were like super-strong El Niños. Records show it rained almost continuously for months, producing large lakes throughout the city. Some of the ponds burst through their banks, creating "freshets," powerful surges of water. One of those freshets destroyed Pioche's home, located, according to an old newspaper clipping, "in the neighborhood of the Mission Dolores."

Pomerantz received a grant from the San Francisco History Association to research this story. He'll present his findings at the May 31 program, promising "intrigue, murder, wealth, railroads, pianos, suicide, philanthropy, innovative



Livia Sohn, James Austin Smith, Christopher Costanza, and Meena Bhasin play "familiar and unusual masterpieces" by Bach, Mozart, Beethoven, Britten, and Berio on Sunday, May 8, at the Noe Valley Chamber Music series at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

technology, insanity, and natural history (oh, and water)."

Doors open at 7 p.m.; the program starts at 7:45. General admission is \$5. SFHA members get in free. For details on membership, go to [sanfranciscohistory.org](http://sanfranciscohistory.org).

Post Office Veterans Honored

The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association will present its annual member achievement and community service awards Thursday, May 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at Wells Fargo Bank on 24th Street. (The event is by invitation only, and supplied by Just for Fun.)

The businesses winning awards are Gallery of Jewels and Michelle's Tailor, 25 years in the neighborhood; St. Clair's Liquors, 20 years; Aesthetic Dentistry, 15 years; Noe Valley Association and Subs, Inc., 10 years; and Cliché Noe Gifts + Home, Gyemant Paris Law, and Russo Music, all five years.

The community service awards go to Richard Norvelle, who's a familiar face at the Noe Valley Post Office, and letter carrier Guadalupe Perez. Norvelle has been working for the U.S. Postal Service for 50 years. Perez is a 25-year veteran.

The event is part of Noe Valley's celebration of Small Business Week in San Francisco. To see the citywide calendar of events May 21-28, go to [sfsmallbusiness-week.com](http://sfsmallbusiness-week.com).

Hear Classical Music's Greatest Hits

The last concert of the 2015-16 Noe Valley Chamber Music season is Sunday, May 8, at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St. "Livia Sohn & Friends" will play pieces by Mozart and the Four B's: Bach, Beethoven, Berio, and Britten. Tickets are available online at [nvcm.org](http://nvcm.org) for \$25 each and at the door for \$30.

Livia Sohn is a Bay Area violinist and music instructor at Stanford. She performed her first concert at age 8, studied at Julliard, and plays on a 1770 Guad-

agnini violin. Her Friends are violist Meena Bhasin, cellist Christopher Costanza, and oboist James Austin Smith.

The two-hour concert, which is co-sponsored by the Bernard Osher Foundation, Umpqua Bank, and the Grants for the Arts/San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund, begins at 4 p.m. It will be preceded by a pre-concert talk about the program by Scott Foglesong, chair of musicianship and music theory at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. There will be wine and cheese at intermission, and the musicians will be available for conversation following the program.

Latino Arts Day Camps

For 25 years, the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts has offered a summer arts program for children and youth ages 6 through 13. The two four-week sessions offered this year are June 13 to July 8 and July 11 to Aug. 5, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the MCCLA building at 2628 Mission St.

Among the many classes offered during the sessions are Mexican folk dance, hip-hop, and capoeira. Other activities include print-making, percussion, digital photography, fashion design, theater, yoga, and arts and crafts. Each discipline will offer an end-of-camp performance or exhibition for family, friends, and the community.

Each session costs \$450 and includes lunch. After-camp care is available from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for a \$10 fee per day. For more information and to apply, go to [www.missionculturalcenter.org](http://www.missionculturalcenter.org) and click on MAS Summer Youth Program.

Jazz for the Soul

The Dave Scott Jazz Quartet will play at "Love & Friends," the May Music for the Soul worship service at the Noe Valley Ministry, Sunday, May 22, at 10:30 a.m. The group will play their own compositions and jazz classics by Cannonball Adderley, Geri Allen, and others.

The quartet is Dave Scott on trumpet,

Pastoral Changes at St. Philip's Church

Father Anthony P. LaTorre, pastor at St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church for the past 12 years, has been assigned to a new parish in San Francisco.

Father Stephen H. Howell, currently pastor at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, Calif., will succeed LaTorre at St. Philip's, at 725 Diamond St.

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone announced the new clergy assignments on April 12. Cordileone said LaTorre and Howell would take over their new duties on July 1.

LaTorre, who will become the new spiritual head at St. Stephen's Church next to the Stonestown Galleria in the Lake Merced neighborhood, was the first non-Irish pastor, when he arrived in 2004, to serve at St. Philip's.

"Change is good," said LaTorre, 67. "I grew up in the Sunset District and I'm going back to the fog."

LaTorre noted some of the high points at St. Philip's during his watch: the half-million-dollar renovation of the Romanesque church building, including restoration of 24 stained-glass windows; an increase in St. Philip School's K-8 enrollment from 170 to 270 students; creation of a new preschool; and the celebration of St. Philip's centennial in 2010.

The outgoing pastor said he will definitely miss Noe Valley's restaurants, particularly Haystack Pizza and Barney's Hamburgers, and the warmth of the community at large.

"It's nice to walk down the street with my dog and people acknowledge who you are," he said. "I haven't had that in most places" where he's served in the past.

In addition to making the clerical moves, the church has appointed a new principal at St. Philip School. He is Louis "Tony" Les Callett, currently principal at St. Mary's School on Kearny Street. Callett and his wife, Jennifer, are the parents of two children, Josie and Andy.

—Corrie M. Anders

Scott Foster guitar, Daniel Fabricant upright bass, and Surya Prakasha drums. Scott is an instructor at Sonoma State University who has worked with Glide Memorial and with Noe Valley Ministry Rev. David Brown on similar jazz-inspired services.

For details on the free jazz, see [dave-lenscott.org](http://dave-lenscott.org). For more church events, see [www.noevalleyministry.org](http://www.noevalleyministry.org).

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# SHORT TAKES

## It's Time for ¡FiestaVal!

Fairmount Elementary School will present its annual FiestaVal fundraiser on Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., on the school grounds at 65 Chenery St. The community is welcome to come meet Fairmount families and join in the fun.

Food trucks bearing tacos, barbeque, and other delectables will be parked and open for business. Besides a dunk tank and bouncy house, there will be a butterfly tent with live butterflies, craft stations, face-painting, live music, homemade desserts, an auction of student art, and a bike rodeo. Bikes and helmets for the rodeo will be provided by YBike bike company.

Call the school at 415-695-5669 or visit [www.wearefairmount.com](http://www.wearefairmount.com) for more information.

## At the Bookstores and Beyond

All three of our neighborhood bookshops have busy schedules for May. Some events are even in the bookstores.

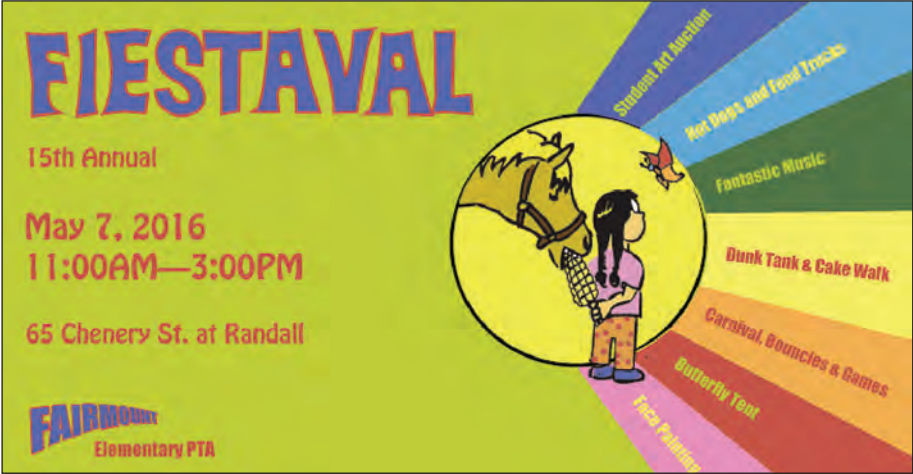
Omnivore Books on Food at 3885 Cesar Chavez St. is involved in three outside events, including an episode of the Netflix television series *Chef's Table*, screening at 7 p.m. at the Alamo Drafthouse in the Mission on May 4, and a book party for top chef Eric Ripert at Bar Agricole May 23, 7 to 9 p.m. Other highlights are two in-store events to get you reading and ready for summer, *Whole World Vegetarian* with author Marie Simmons, on May 19, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and *The Flavors of Home: A Guide to the Wild Edible Plants of the San Francisco Bay Area* on May 22, from 3 to 4 p.m. For the full list of events—and we do mean full—go to [omnivorebooks.com](http://omnivorebooks.com).

Folio Books at 3957 24th St. is hosting two special events Saturday, May 7. Los Angeles author Laurene Sala will share her book *You Made Me a Mother*, in her only Bay Area appearance, at 11 a.m.

Later that afternoon, the bookstore will hold a book scavenger hunt, starting at 2 p.m. Participants must visit three Noe Valley locations and solve puzzles hidden there. The first five hunters to solve all three puzzles and beat it back to Folio Books will win—what else?—a copy of *Book Scavenger*, a novel by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman based on her online game. (Note: it's set in San Francisco.)

For more Folio Books' events, see the *Voice* Calendar or go to [foliosf.com](http://foliosf.com).

For events at our third bookstore, Char-



lie's Corner at 4102 24th St., please check the website [charliescorner.com](http://charliescorner.com).

## Rock the Primary Vote

Presidential primary results in the other 49 states of the union being inconclusive, the California primary election may—for once—decide who both the Democratic and Republican candidates for president will be.

We Californians will vote on Tuesday, June 7, 2016. You can vote at or deliver your mail-in ballot to your polling place from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can vote ahead by mail-in ballot or, in San Francisco County, at City Hall from May 9 through June 7. (See [sfgov.org](http://sfgov.org) for hours.) A mail-in ballot request must be received by May 31 and postmarked on or before June 7. You can request a mail-in ballot at [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov), the California Secretary of State website. If you aren't registered to vote, you can register online at [sos.ca.gov](http://sos.ca.gov) as well. The deadline is May 23.

Most parties in California require that you be a registered member to vote in their primary. The Democratic, American Independent, and Libertarian parties are the only ones that allow No Party Preference voters to vote in their primaries.

There are other races beyond president and several ballot measures up for a vote June 7, including a hotly contested Dem-

ocratic primary in State Senatorial District 11 (ours) between District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener and District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim. The Noe Valley Democratic Club has endorsed Wiener. The club has made no endorsement in the Democratic presidential primary since no candidate reached the club's required 60 percent threshold. For all the NVDC endorsements, go to [noedemsorg.blogspot.com](http://noedemsorg.blogspot.com).

Noe Valley does not have a Republican club, but the San Francisco Republican Party has made June 7 primary endorsements at [sfgop.org](http://sfgop.org). However, none was made in the Republican presidential primary race because, as the website states, the San Francisco Republican Central Committee "does not endorse Presidential candidates until after the Republican National Convention."

## Revival of a Forgotten Opera

*The Amazons in the Fortunate Isles*, a 1679 opera by Carlo Pallavicino, is being revived by Ars Minerva, a Noe Valley-based non-profit performing arts organization created in 2013 by soprano Celine Ricci of Cesar Chavez Street. The next performance will be Sunday, May

## Five-Block Garage Sale

According to a news flash from Fair Oaks Neighbors, hundreds of residents and vendors from all over the Bay Area will take part in this year's Fair Oaks Street Fair on Saturday, May 7, on Fair Oaks Street between Dolores and Guerrero from 21st to 26th streets.

From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., residents of the tree-shaded, Victorian-dotted street will be selling everything from artwork, books, and toys to clothing, antiques, and musical instruments.

There will also be cookies and other food for sale. For the scoop, email [hello@fairoaksneighbors.org](mailto:hello@fairoaksneighbors.org).

—Sally Smith

22, 2 p.m., at the Marines Memorial Theater, 609 Sutter St. Prices begin at \$55.

The plot is love, lots of it. The lonely Amazon queen falls in love with a visiting sailor, but the sailor falls in love with the queen's favorite underling, who is engaged to her girlfriend, an Amazon officer. Meanwhile, the Sultan is nearing the Fortunate Isles, intent on invading and conquering the Amazons.

Ars Minerva believes this opera was "probably one of the first featuring two women having an openly loving relationship." Although a reported success at its 1679 opening, the opera was never produced again—until now.

To find out more about Ars Minerva, go to its website, [arsminerva.org](http://arsminerva.org).

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# The Cost of Living in Noe

## ‘For Sale’ Signs a Rarity

By Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley recorded only six sales in the single-family, detached-home category in March, signifying a sluggish start to the spring real estate season. That tally was half the number of homes sold during the same month last year, according to sales data provided to the *Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate. It was the first time Noe Valley posted single-digit March sales since 2009, when nine single-family homes changed hands.

Condominium traffic also was lighter than a year ago. Buyers got keys to eight condos in March, compared with 13 the same month last year.

Zephyr president Randall Kostick said that despite the tepid buying at a time when sales usually start to percolate, there remained heavy demand for residential real estate in Noe Valley. “There may be some calming,” he said, “but no cooling.”

Kostick blamed the slow activity on the neighborhood’s shrinking inventory of properties for sale. He pointed to statistics for the month of January, when buyers typically are looking for homes they expect will close escrow in March.

Only 30 new properties became available this January, compared with 34 new listings in January 2015 and 40 in 2014. “Those numbers were very low to begin with, and they’re going down,”



The façade of this 1904 Edwardian, located on a leafy block of Fair Oaks Street, was kept while the interior was renovated to accommodate five bedrooms. The house sold in March for \$5 million.

Kostick said. Buyers in March paid a pretty penny for the homes that did have “For Sale” signs. Those who bought houses paid an average 7 percent above the asking price, while condo buyers handed over an extra 13 percent.

New owners paid \$4,997,500 for the most expensive property, a remodeled home in the 200 block of Fair Oaks Street between 23rd and 24th streets, which boasted 4,485 square feet of living space spread over four stories.

Originally built in 1904, the Edwardian home had been gutted and redone to accommodate five bedrooms and 5.5 bathrooms. Other amenities included 10-foot ceilings, a gourmet kitchen, radiant heat, au pair quarters, and a two-car garage. The house sold in only 18 days.

It took considerably longer—60 days—to close the deal on another high-priced property, this one in the 100 block of 27th Street between Dolores and Guerrero streets. The five-bedroom, 3.5-bath dwelling was originally priced at \$4,175,000, then reduced to \$3,950,000 before finally selling for \$3.9 million.

The home, constructed around 1900, was also taken down to the studs and transformed into a modern abode, with 3,500 square feet of living space. The

Noe Valley Home Sales*						
Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
March 2016	6	\$1,460,000	\$4,997,500	\$2,726,250	22	107%
February 2016	8	\$1,825,000	\$4,000,000	\$2,921,875	22	112%
March 2015	12	\$765,312	\$4,350,000	\$2,196,068	17	107%
Condominiums						
March 2016	8	\$806,000	\$2,460,000	\$1,474,750	14	113%
February 2016	3	\$550,000	\$1,300,000	\$900,000	55	108%
March 2015	13	\$618,000	\$2,250,000	\$1,226,385	27	117%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
March 2016	1	\$1,818,000	\$1,818,000	\$1,818,000	19	114%
February 2016	3	\$2,600,000	\$3,475,000	\$3,025,000	39	108%
March 2015	3	\$1,780,000	\$2,450,000	\$2,202,000	26	107%
5+-unit buildings						
March 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
February 2016	0	—	—	—	—	—
March 2015	0	—	—	—	—	—

\* Survey includes all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is loosely defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The *Voice* thanks Zephyr Real Estate (zephyrre.com) for providing sales data. NVV 5/2016



This two-bedroom “fixer” on Church Street sold for nearly \$1.5 million in March.

7 percent more than asking—for the two-bedroom, one-bath Spanish Mediterranean, advertised as a “fixer in a desirable neighborhood.”

The most expensive condo sold in March carried a price tag almost as big as that of the average house. Buyers paid \$2,460,000—12.1 percent more than asking—for the four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home, located in the 100 block of 28th Street between Church and Dolores streets. The top unit in a Victorian remodeled in 2002, the dwelling included four bedrooms, 2.5 baths in 2,495 square feet of living space, an elegant kitchen, access to two decks, and one-car parking.



Buyers paid \$3.9 million for this modest-looking four-bedroom home on 27th Street. The house had been remodeled with luxury amenities that included a floating glass staircase.

three-level property featured a floating glass staircase, a European-style kitchen, expansive rear decks, a media room, two laundries, and a three-car garage.

The least expensive home sold in Noe Valley in March was a 1,125-square-foot property located in the 1600 block of Church Street, between 28th and Valley streets. The price paid was \$1,460,000—



The top two floors of this elegant 1890s building on 28th Street sold in March for \$2,460,000. The luxury condominium had four bedrooms and a panoramic view from a private deck. Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley Rents**					
Unit	No. in Sample	Range April 2016	Average April 2016	Average March 2016	Average April 2015
Studio	8	\$1,950 - \$2,600	\$2,336 / mo.	\$2,548 / mo.	\$2,261 / mo.
1-bdrm	37	\$2,195 - \$4,650	\$3,302 / mo.	\$3,285 / mo.	\$3,099 / mo.
2-bdrm	50	\$3,049 - \$7,000	\$4,528 / mo.	\$4,396 / mo.	\$4,439 / mo.
3-bdrm	13	\$4,600 - \$6,950	\$5,532 / mo.	\$6,674 / mo.	\$5,881 / mo.
4+-bdrm	12	\$6,995 - \$19,999	\$10,320 / mo.	\$8,879 / mo.	\$10,932 / mo.

\*\* This survey is based on a sample of 120 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist.org from March 28 through April 8, 2016. NVV 5/2016

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Store Trek is a regular column profiling new shops in Noe Valley. This month, we explore a business that made quite a splash when it relocated to Church Street.

**TMI COLONICS**  
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When providing a service that involves gastrointestinal waste, it doesn't hurt to be a bit, well, cheeky.

At TMI Colonics — at 1478A Church St. near the corner of 27th Street — the potty puns aren't just built into the company's name, they are also highlighted in the front windows. Framed artwork includes such sayings as "Go with the flow," and "Eat, sleep, poop."

Another boasts "The Best Seat in the House" above the image of a commode. Walk inside and grab a business card for owner Marianne Graham. Her motto's on the card: "I Know My Shit."

"Honestly, it is a direct reflection of me. I love joking about it," says Graham, 33, who lives in South of Market. "I think it is funny and I love all the different puns. I do have a weird sense of humor, I guess."

The scatological humor aside, Graham is serious about her business, which is celebrating its second anniversary at the Noe Valley location on May 3. TMI Colonics first opened its doors in Russian Hill in 2011 but moved two years ago into the Church Street storefront vacated by Design Quarter.

"I wanted to be in either the Mission, Noe Valley, or the Castro, to be more where my people are. I also needed a big-



Marianne Graham, founder of TMI Colonics.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

ger space," said Graham, who in junior high suffered from chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia and for treatment turned to colon hydrotherapy.

Because it worked for her, she decided to make it her career. She became a certified colon hydrotherapist through the International Association for Colon Hydrotherapy.

She uses a machine called the LIBBE, which stands for lower intestine bottom bowel evacuation and is referred to as an open system. As she explains in several videos she posted to her company website, which describe the entire colonic process for prospective clients, it means that there is no need to clench one's buttocks as the colon fills with water.

Instead, clients of TMI Colonics remain unclenched and allow the water to freely flow into their colon and then out the rectum into a containment basin built right into the LIBBE. It resembles a

lounge chair, and the process takes about 40 minutes for most people.

Graham says many clients have irritable digestive systems but "don't know what to do about it. They try everything else and then come to us as a last resort," said Graham. "Colonics are the easiest and fastest way to detox, feel cleaner, and prevent disease."

A single colonic session costs \$135, or packages can be bought for six colonics (\$630) or a dozen (\$1,200). A special New Client Package runs \$530 and includes three colonics, three infusions (herbs or homeopathic remedies that can be added to the colonic), and three of the home products TMI Colonics sells.

Clients can also purchase hour-long infrared sauna sessions that, according to Graham, can burn up to 600 calories in a session. One session costs \$40, while a package of six runs \$180 or a dozen \$300.

"Because of the infrared heat technol-

ogy, it is able to penetrate your body more deeply. Then what you are sweating out is more toxins and less water than a traditional sauna," explains Graham. "People who are afraid of getting a colonic will use the sauna so they can at least detox that way."

The medical benefits of colonics remain an open question, with many traditional doctors claiming they provide none and dismissing the practice as alternative medicine. Graham counters that the doubters do so because of financial reasons.

"I personally think the real reason why there hasn't been research done in the first place is why would the medical community do research on something they are not going to profit from?" she asks. "Especially since doctors, they answer to the pharmaceutical companies. I am undoing all the shit the pharmaceutical industries do to people. It is a conflict of interest."

Graham insists colonics are safe and recommends people do them weekly. Most of her clients, however, come in monthly.

"It is something very natural and something people have been doing for a long time. And it's only water," she said.

In recent weeks, she has been seeing between 40 and 50 people. The demand has grown to the point where she is likely to add a second LIBBE by the end of this year if business remains strong.

"We have been growing really, really steadily, which has been awesome," she said. "We have a second treatment room that is not being used for colonics. I built out the space to add another colonic so we can do two at a time."

TMI Colonics is open Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The shop is closed Sunday and Monday.

—Matthew S. Bajko

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Upper Noe Recreation Center achieved flow last month as Spring Session classes and sports activities, both fast and slow, got underway at the park. **Pilates** and **Qi Gong** gained strength on Wednesday mornings, while **Yoga** classes in gentle Hatha or Vinyasa stretched from Tuesday to Saturday. As purple rain fell on April 21, it was appropriate that music by Prince filled the neighborhood (and perhaps the rec center) at **Karaoke for Adults**, on stage Fridays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Many of the classes allowed drop-ins. So this month, if a course sings to you, call the rec center at 415-970-8061, visit the park, at 295 Day St. near Sanchez, or check San Francisco Rec and Park online at <https://www.sfreconline.org>.

If you'd like to help plan events at Upper Noe, contact facilities coordinator Cheryl Woltjen at 415-970-8061 ([cheryl.woltjen@sfgov.org](mailto:cheryl.woltjen@sfgov.org)) or consider advising the **Upper Noe Community Recreation Council**. This month, the group meets on Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m., in the rec center auditorium.

The group **Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center** has more information at [www.noevalleyreccenter.com](http://www.noevalleyreccenter.com). To get the scoop on **Joby's Run**, contact Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners at [fundogsf.org](http://fundogsf.org). The dog run is open daily, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

UPPER NOE REC CENTER SPRING SESSION, MARCH-MAY 2016

**MONDAY** (Center closed; outside activities only.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SUNDAY** (Center closed; outside activities only.)

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

Wed., 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Wed., 10-11 a.m.  
Wed., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
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**May 1:**Arts Alive Ingleside features 74 artists' hand painted banners that will be installed along Ocean Ave. from Manor to Phelan. Noon-4 pm. SOMArts Cultural Center, 934 Brannan. artsaliveingleside.

**May 1:** Christine Moore and Cecilia Leung introduce their book, Little Flower BAKING. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 1 & 15:**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.

**May 1-28:** GALLERY SANCHEZ in the Noe Valley Ministry exhibits "Onward:Work by Jenny Badger Sultan and Henry Sultan." Reception April 3, noon-2 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

**May 1-29:** Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

**May 1-31:** Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

**May 1-June 1:** Creativity Explored hosts an exhibit of ARTWORK by Charles Cruz and Jay Herndon. Reception April 21, 7-9 pm; Mon.-Fri., 10 am-3 pm;Wed.-Fri., 10 am-7 pm; Sat. & Sun., noon-5 pm. 3245 16th. 863-2108; creativityexplored.org.

**May 2 & 9:** Connie Scott leads a CHAIR YOGA class at the Noe Valley Library. 1-1:45 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 2, 9, 16 & 23:**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.

**May 2-31:** Noe Valley OVEREATERS Anonymous meets Monday through Saturday, 7 am, at St.Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. oasf.org.

**May 2-31:** Charlie's Corner hosts FRENCH STORY TIME for kids, Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 to 10:30 am. 4102 24th. charliescorner.com.

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**May 2-31:** Charlie's Corner offers children's STORY TIMES every day. Mon.-Fri., 10 am, noon, 3 and 5 pm; Sat. and Sun., 10:30 am, 12:30 and 3:30 pm. 4102 24th; 641-1104.

**May 2-31:**The On Lok 30th Street SENIOR CENTER serves lunches for people over 60, weekdays and Saturdays. Noon and 1 pm. 225 30th. 550-2211.

**May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31:**The Eureka Valley Library offers its TODDLER TALES on Tuesdays, 10:30 am. 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

**May 3-31:** Larkin Street Youth Services gives free HIV TESTING for youth 24 and under. Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. 1800 Market. 673-0911; sfcenter.org.

**May 3 & June 7:**The de Young Museum and the Legion of Honor have FREE ADMISSION on the first Tuesday of the month. 750-3600; deyoungmuseum.org.

**May 4 & 18:**The PUPPY DOG TALES reading program allows children to practice reading to Oliver, a calm canine. For ages 4 to 7, but older welcome. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

**May 4, 11, 18 & 25:**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.

**May 4, 11, 18 & 25:**The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesday, from 4 to 8 pm, through mid-December. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

**May 4-25:** Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**May 4-25:** Chris Sequeira conducts free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays 1-3 pm at the Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

**May 4-25:** Holy Innocents Episcopal Church offers a TAIZE style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

**May 4-25:**AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

**May 4 & June 1:**The GLBT HISTORY Museum has a free day on first Wednesdays. 11 am-7 pm. 4127 18th. 621-1107; GLBThistory.org.



May 21, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., shop the specials on 24th Street as merchants celebrate San Francisco Small Business Week.

**May 5:**Yossy Arefi discusses Sweeter Off the Vine: FRUIT DESSERTS for Every Season. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 5, 12 & 19:** Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 5-26:**Attend PUB QUIZ NIGHTS on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.

**May 6:** Charity Kahn performs songs for ages 4 and younger at the Noe Valley Library. 4-5 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 6-27:**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.

**May 6-27:** Chris Sequeira leads a Friday KARAOKE for Adults at the Noe Valley Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day.

**May 6-27:**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.

**May 6-27:** Dolores Park Cafe hosts Friday-night MUSIC and spoken word. 7:30-10 pm. 501 Dolores. 621-2936; doloresparkcafe.com.

**May 7:** The annual Fair Oaks STREET FAIR features garage sale bargains between 21st and 26th streets, all day.

**May 7:**The Noe Valley KNITTING CIRCLE meets at the Noe Valley Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. 415 Jersey. 255-7200.

**May 7:** Fairmount Elementary School's FIESTAVAL offers food trucks, homemade desserts, live music, and games and crafts for kids of all ages. 11 am-3 pm. 65 Chenery.

**May 7:** The Cypress String Quartet performs opus 74 of BEETHOVEN's String Quartets in Dolores Park. 11:30 am. 500-2150.

**May 7:** Laureenne Sala introduces her book You Made Me a Mother, at 11 am. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**May 7:** Folio Books hosts a Book SCAVENGER HUNT with puzzles hidden in three Noe Valley locations. Start time is 2 pm sharp. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**May 7:**Jamie Purviance talks about Weber's New American BARBECUE:A Modern Spin on the Classics. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 7, 14, 21 & 28:**"Meet the Animals!" at the Randall Museum features California wildlife. 11 am. Mission Art Center, 745 Treat. 695-5014.

**May 7-28:** Each Saturday, the Noe Valley FARMERS MARKET brings you

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**May 7-28:**The Noe Valley Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

**May 7-28:** Saturday night JAZZ at Birc & Beckett features local performers from 8 to 11 pm. 653 Chenery. birdbeckett.com.

**May 8:** Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC ends its 23rd season with a concert by Livia Sohn and Friends. 4 pm; pre-concert talk 3:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

**May 8:**A NEON WALKING TOUR of Chinatown begins an hour before sundown; start location given with reservation at neonbook.xyz.

**May 9:** ODD MONDAYS hosts Drama Night with local actress Terri Baum, author of Hick. 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.

**May 9:** LITQUAKE Epicenter hosts Frances Stroh (author of Beer Money: A Memoir of Privilege and Loss) in conversation with Jack Boulware (author of Bay Area punk history Gimme Something Better). 7 pm. Alamo Drafthouse at the New Mission, 2550 Mission. litquake.org.

**May 10:** PFLAG's monthly meeting has moved to the Women's Building at 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, from 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsf.org.

**May 11:**The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group meets from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

**May 11:**The UPPER NOE NEIGHBORS group discusses Dolores Street tech shuttles and June ballot initiatives. 7 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center auditorium, Day and Sanchez. president@uppernoeneighbors.com.

**May 12:**The LGBT SENIOR discussion group meets at 30th Street Senior Center. 10-11:30 am. 225 30th. 296-8995, ext. 5.

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**May 13:** The Academy of Danse Libre and the Cypress String Quartet perform at the Rotunda DANCE series at SF City Hall. Noon. dancersgroup.org.

**May 13:** The Noe Valley Library screens Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 FILM Rear Window, based on a short story by Cornell Woolrich. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 13:** TAIZE service at Holy Innocents Church is held on the second Friday of the month, at 7:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. Holyinsf.org.

**May 14:** 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.

**May 14:** The Glen Park Neighborhoods HISTORY PROJECT offers a tour, "Bovines, Dynamite, and High-Flying Shows: The Amazing History of Glen Canyon Park." 11 am-1 pm. Meet at the Glen Park Cow Sign, on Elk near Chenery. Reserve a space at 584-1498 or glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

**May 14:** OPERA for the People features Jacques Offenbach's The Tales of Hoffmann. 2-3 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 14:** Natural Resources invites you to meet doulas (2-4 pm) and home-birth MIDWIVES (4-6 pm). 1367 Valencia. 550-2611; naturalresources-sf.com.

**May 14:** Sophie Egan examines the American FOOD PSYCHE in Devoured: From Chicken Wings to Kale Smoothies—How What We Eat Defines Who We Are. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 15:** Archana Pidathala introduces her translation of her grandmother's COOKBOOK, Five Morsels of Love. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 17:** Ingleside POLICE STATION holds a community meeting on third Tuesdays. 7 pm. Crocker Amazon Park Rec Center, 799 Moscow. 404-4000; inglesidepolicestation.com.

**May 18:** HERCHURCH offers a Women's DRUMMING CIRCLE the third Wednesday of the month. 5:45-6:45 pm. 678 Portola.

**May 18:** Omnivore Books hosts a RECEPTION for the editors of Cherry Bombe magazine. 6:30-8:30 pm. 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 18:** The Upper Noe Community Rec Council and the Friends of Noe Valley Rec Center host a meeting to discuss neighborhood issues and improvements at the park. 7 pm. Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; cheryl.woltjen@sfgov.org.

**May 18:** LIVE MUSIC continues at the Valley Tavern on third Wednesdays. 7-9:30 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

**May 18:** The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads Being Mortal by surgeon Atul Gawande. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 18-June 10:** CREATIVITY EXPLORED hosts an group show, "Mythological Creatures." Mon.-Fri., 10 am-2 pm. CE2, 1 Arkansas, Studio E. 863-2946; creativityexplored.org.

**May 19:** Charlie Chin tells traditional CHINESE STORIES at the Noe Valley Library. 3-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 19:** Marie Simmons discusses Whole World VEGETARIAN. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 19:** Folio Books hosts a discussion by MaryLee McNeal, author of The Way We Fall. 7 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**May 19:** COMEDY Returns to El Rio on the third Thursday of the month. 8 pm. 3168 Mission. elriosf.com.

**May 20:** The Randall Museum offers a BIRDING WALK for ages 5 and up at Corona Heights Park. Meet 8 am at the Randall Museum Parking Lot, 199 Museum Way. 554-9605.

**May 20:** BOOKWORMS Club (ages 8 to 12) features a talk by Paige Braddock, author of Stinky Cecil in Terrarium Terror. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477; foliosf.com.

**May 20-June 11:** Ray of Light Theater performs the MUSICAL The Wild Party, based on the poem by Joseph Moncure March. Wed.-Sat. Victoria Theater, 2951 16th. 309-1566; rayoflighttheatre.com.

**May 21:** Volunteer at JURI COMMONS, weather permitting, for a 9 am to noon workday. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th streets. Dave@schweisguth.org or meetup.com/juri-Commoners.

**May 21:** The 10th annual Noe Valley GARDEN TOUR features nine private gardens open from 10 am to 4 pm. Tickets at friendsofnoevalley.com, the Farmers Market, and at local shops including Folio Books, Omnivore Books, Cliché Noe, Small Frys, Olive This Olive That, and Just for Fun.

**May 21:** The Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association honors Small Business Week (May 21-28) with all-day SIDEWALK SALES on 24th Street, from Church to Diamond. dsheehan@sonic.net.

**May 21:** The Noe Valley Library hosts SOAP CARVING, an adult craft workshop. 11 am-noon. 451 Jersey. Space is limited; sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

**May 21:** Simone Miller introduces The New YIDDISH KITCHEN: Gluten-Free and Paleo Kosher Recipes for the Holidays and Every Day. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 21 & 22:** Ars Minerva performs Carol Pallavicino's lost 1679 Venetian OPERA, The Amazons in the Fortunate Isles. 2 pm. Marines' Memorial Theatre, 609 Sutter. arsminerva.org.

**May 22:** The Dave Scott JAZZ Quartet performs at "Love and Friends," the musical worship service at the Noe Valley Ministry. 10:30 am. 1021 Sanchez. noevalleyministry.org.

**May 22:** Margit Roos-Collins discusses The Flavors of Home: A Guide to the Wild EDIBLE PLANTS of the San Francisco Bay Area. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 22:** The LIEDERABEND Series and the Merola Opera Company present a concert of Schumann and Wolf at 5 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. LiederAlive.org.

**May 23:** ODD MONDAYS hosts a Literary Potpourri with poet and spiritual/psychological writer Dane Cervine and journalist Ellen Sweets. 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.

**May 23:** Omnivore Books hosts a BOOK PARTY for Eric Ripert, author of 32 Yolks: From My Mother's Table to Working the Line. 7-9 pm. Bar Agricole, 355 11th. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 24:** The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 24:** Michael Kalanty introduces How to Bake More BREAD. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 25:** The Resilient DIAMOND HEIGHTS workgroup meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

**May 25:** Marjorie Williams discusses Markets of PROVENCE: Food, Antiques, Crafts, and More. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

**May 26:** Reel-to-Reel FILMS for preschoolers are shown at the Noe Valley Library at 10:15 and 11 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

**May 26:** SMALL BUSINESSES in Noe Valley will be honored at a celebration sponsored by the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association. 6-7:30 pm. Wells Fargo Bank, 4045 24th. dsheehan@sonic.net.

**May 28:** The Noe Valley Library offers a demonstration of streaming service HOOPLA. 2-3 pm. 451 Jersey. Space is limited; sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

**May 30:** Supervisor SCOTT WIENER holds open office hours from 11 am to 1 pm at the Church Street Café, 260 Church. Call 554-6968 to confirm.

**May 31:** MISSION POLICE STATION holds its community meeting the last Tuesday of the month. 6 pm. 630 Valencia. 558-5400.

**May 31:** Water historian and explorer Joel Pomerantz discusses "Finding the Freshet That Foiled François," his evidence for extreme flooding in 19th century San Francisco, at a meeting of the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

**June 7:** VOTE on local ballot measures and for state and U.S. (presidential) nominees in the California primary election. Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm. 554-4375; sfgov.org.

Just Because It's June, June, June

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be for the **June 2016** issue. The deadline for items is May 15. Email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, Noe Valley Voice, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.

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5.7  
SATURDAY  
2PM

Book Scavenger Hunt

Participants must visit three locations in Noe Valley and solve puzzles hidden there. When they solve a puzzle, the hunter will receive a sticker on their official *Book Scavenger Hunt* bookmark. The first five people to solve all three puzzles will win a \$25 gift card to Folio Books and a signed copy of *Book Scavenger*, courtesy of Macmillan! Arrive at Folio Books at 2pm sharp to get your bookmark and start the hunt!

5.19  
THURSDAY  
7PM

Poetry Reading with MaryLee McNeal

*The Way We Fall*

MaryLee McNeal is a teacher and a writer of fiction and poetry. Her novel, *Home Again, Home Again* won San Francisco State University's 1989 Clark Award, and her poetry chapbook, *The Space Between Us* won the Bear Mountains Press Award for Poetry in 2002. Her poetry book *The Way We Fall* was published in 2014.

5.20  
FRIDAY  
6PM

Bookworms Club With Paige Braddock  
*Stinky Cecil in Terrarium Terror*

On May 20th we have a repeat offender coming to Bookworms. Paige Braddock will be coming in to talk about her sequel to *Stinky Cecil in Operation Pond Rescue*, *Stinky Cecil in Terrarium Terror* in which Cecil is kidnapped! For Bookworms Club registration is required, details online: TINY.CC/SPRINGWORMS



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**Graffiti Removal, Tree Removal, Street Cleaning (DPW)** ..... 415-695-2017  
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**Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services** [www.sfgov.org/mons](http://www.sfgov.org/mons) ..... 415-554-7111  
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**Recycling** ..... 415-554-7329  
**Rent Board** ..... 415-252-4600  
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## and now for the RUMORS behind the news

### Surveying the Land

By Mazook

**T**HE BIG QUESTION: With election time just around the corner, I decided to roll my Mazookmobile down to 24th Street on April 21 and 22, and take a poll of Noe Valleons on the burning question: Who do you plan to vote for in the presidential primary on June 7?

There I was, standing at 24th and Sanchez in front of La Boulangerie cafe, waving down passersby and saying, “Do you live in Noe Valley? Would you answer a question for the *Noe Valley Voice*?” Most kept on walking until I got to the magic words “*Noe Valley Voice*.” Then many of them stopped and came back to ask, “What’s the question?” So, thank you to the 50 locals who stopped to give me their views.

Over the two-hour span of my survey, I would estimate that more than 200 people said they didn’t live in Noe Valley, or else said nothing and kept walking. There was also a skew in the age groups, since many of the younger pedestrians had on earplugs from their devices and probably couldn’t hear a word I was saying over their conversation or music.

The bottom line: 28 respondents were for Hillary Clinton, 17 for Bernie Sanders, and four were undecided between Hillary and Bernie. Another undecided voter was “leaning towards Trump.” Or put another way: 56 percent for Clinton, 34 percent Sanders, 6 percent voting for one or the

other of them, and 2 percent of the Noe vote (probably) going to Trump.

According to the San Francisco Department of Elections, Noe Valley had 17,576 registered voters at the time of last November’s municipal election (up, by the way, from 15,918 in the Nov. 4, 2014, general election), and only 54 percent of them voted. (More than 62 percent voted in 2014.) Based on voting patterns, it appears that about 90 percent of us are Democrats, with the remaining 9 percent Republicans, and 1 percent “other.”



**CRACKING WHYS:** There were some very common themes as to why people preferred Hillary or Bernie. “I will vote for Hillary because she is smart, experienced, and I like the idea of a woman president,” opined Robert, 59.

“I am very impressed with her being able to understand our foreign policies,” said Brenna, 25. Kate, 24, agreed: “She is far more skilled at dealing with the issues, and I appreciate that she is a pragmatist.” Said Dan, 60, “She simply is more qualified for the job than any other candidate.”

On the other hand, “I am voting for Bernie,” said Lisa, 53, “because he is focused on the issues that affect everyday people.” Said Matt, 49, “Bernie, of course, because he is the guy we want in, because he is in the people’s court...he is for the common people.” Belinda, 36, claimed, “Bernie is the only one who tells the truth.”

Twenty-seven-year-old Stephanie said, “I am for Bernie, all the way, because of his climate change policy.” For Pam, 66, the choice is Bernie because “he is really the only one speaking about the important issues facing our nation, and how he would solve them.”

Aida, 43, is supporting Bernie “because he is talking about universal health care and affordable tuition for our children to go to college. Aren’t those things that matter to us?” Stated Jack, 26, “I will vote for Bernie. I like his idealism, his interest in



**Et tu, Noe Valley?** A Trump for President sign appeared in a window on Douglass Street this spring.

Photo by Najib Joe Hakim

the common man, and that he has a lack of desire to engage the military.”

For several Noe Valleons, the choice was made by a process of elimination. Dean, 34, is voting for Bernie “because Hillary is just too much of a politician.”

Mike, 34, said he was going for Hillary because “she has the best chance of winning, which is the top priority for me.” Dan, 60, admits that he likes Bernie but has to vote for Hillary “because she is the most qualified for the job.”

Said Michael, 50, “I’ve got to go with Hillary. I can’t afford Bernie.” Christina, 53, said, “I will vote for Hillary because Bernie is pie in the sky.” “I’ve got to go with Hillary since Bernie’s fiscal policy makes no sense,” said Courtney, 23.

“I am undecided as to who I will vote for, but it will not be Trump,” said Terry, 52. “The whole political scene is very weird these days ... very weird.”

Ben, 32, said, “I really like Bernie, and I share his liberalism and I’m in line with his policies. I’d still have to go with Hillary because of her ability to politically negotiate and compromise.”

Pragmatically speaking, “Hillary, even though she is a witch,” said Lisa, 37. “She will continue with the domestic and foreign policies of the current administration, and she has the guts to deal with leaders like Putin.”

And yes, I encountered one quasi-

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supporter of Trump, Marilyn, 66, who admits, “I am very conflicted because I cannot support the evangelics, so I would vote for Trump, but then I heard what he has said about abortion, which shocked me, so now I don’t know.”

And then there was Bryan, 47, who was walking with is wife and son and their dog. Bryan is for Hillary. Why? “Primarily because I think she is the right person to be president at this time, and also I do have a bias since I have worked for her for these past 18 years,” in various capacities.

I did have one further question for Bryan. Perhaps a few of you know that Hillary was scheduled to visit the Noe Valley Farmers Market April 16 while she was in the city doing fundraising, and her date with Noe Valley appeared on a press release issued about her agenda.

Of course, Mazook got to the market early and spread the rumor far and wide. As you market-goers know, both Bernie and Hillary appear there every Saturday—albeit as life-size cardboard cutouts—and pose for pictures with their respective supporters. Needless to say, both camps were abuzz.

Well, the real Hillary failed to materialize. I asked Bryan why. Looking very disappointed, he said, “It was just some difficult advance work that wasn’t done [in time for her to make the appearance that morning].” Not by him, but by someone else. He wished it had worked out.

Are you registered to vote? Your last day to register is Monday, May 23. You should also remember the words of Edmund Burke: “All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world is for enough good men *[sic]* to do nothing.” Noe Valley should have 100 percent voter turnout.

HALF AND HALF: The Noe Valley Democratic Club came out with endorsements for the June primary. It was agreed by the 30 members attending the club’s April 14 meeting that endorsements would go to Scott Wiener for State Senate (Dist. 11); David Chiu for State Assembly (Dist. 17); Kamala Harris for U.S. Senate; and Nancy Pelosi, of course, for U.S. Congress (Dist. 12). They also voted yes on every local ballot measure.

However, when it came to president of the United States, neither Hillary nor Bernie could muster the 60 percent vote required by the bylaws for endorsement, so “No position” was taken. Each candidate got 15 votes. Ah the rub, and no doubt the debate at many Noe Valley dinner tables.

CAN YOU DIG IT: False rumors were circulating in Downtown Noe Valley that construction of the Noe Valley Town Square had stalled because of the need for further “remediation” of the soil contaminated starting in 1930, when McCarthy’s Shell Gas Station opened on the site. (The gas station was renamed Dan’s Gas and Diesel in the late ’50s, and remained in that spot, 3865 24th St., until it was demolished in 2003. It was deeded to the Noe Valley Ministry in 2001.)

In 1997, crews launched what was described in the *Noe Valley Voice* as a “major cleanup” of contaminated soil beneath the station. The cleanup was necessary because of an underground gas and oil storage leak seven years earlier, which contaminated the ground to a depth of 15 feet (see May 1997 *Voice* at [www.noevalleyvoice.com](http://www.noevalleyvoice.com)).

Then there was further remediation done before the site became a parking lot in 2003 and the soil was paved over.

The excavations you have seen for the past two months have been what Todd David, co-captain of Residents for Noe Valley Town Square, describes as “the

higher level of remediation needed to remove the ‘hot spot,’ which has now been completed, and we are right on schedule with construction people coming in for that phase, which should start at the end of May, and we are on target for ribbon-cutting by the end of October.”

UPDATES ‘R’ US: It looks like the three condominium residences called “Lux on 24th Street,” located at 3820 24th, across from Shufat Market, which were going for around \$2 mil each (and have been on and off the market for several months), all now have sales pending, according to Brian Kendall, the developer of the property.

“Yes, we recently put the properties back on the market and got a surprisingly large response,” said Kendall, “which included many older retired people [and] many couples in their 30s, some of whom were soon to have a babies.”

None of the three condos comes with parking. A quick search on the Nextdoor network reveals that parking around the valley is going for \$85 a week (which is \$368 a month). One offer was posted of a person willing to pay \$500 per month to park their vehicle.

A new dog wash and groomer, VIP Scrub Club, opened last month at 1724 Church, up near Day, where K-9 Scrub Club used to operate. The new place is connected with VIP Grooming on 24th Street.

A club membership will give “monthly perks like a free cup of coffee, free treats for your dogs, free tags or discounts on specialty items, as well as invites to VIP events like dog parties, adoption events, meetings, pet psychics, doggie massage therapists, and pet artists.” I just knew there would be pet psychics.

And the 1431 Castro space, vacated last year by Video Wave, has been leased to women’s clothing designer Aline Dazogbo. The new salon, Voila, had its grand opening on May 1, and features Dazogbo’s handmade women’s clothing and accessories,

floral arrangements, and a nail and waxing studio.

KUDOS GO OUT to Downtown Noe Valley’s Blue Ova Health (1414 Castro), and especially acupuncturist Robin Shered, who was rated among the top three acupuncturists by Bay Area A-List for the third year in a row.

Best wishes to Noe Valley comedian Mike Capozzola, who has started doing hand-painted drawings of kids’ names (as gifts for friends and for display on the wall), and recently opened an Amazon Sellers Shop. He uses pen and ink and watercolors.

Hooray for longtime Noe Valley resident (since 1977) Felicia Lowe for the success of her film *Chinese Couplets*. It’s a memoir that spans four generations of women and shows the impact of America’s Chinese Exclusion Act on her family. (The *Voice* featured the film and filmmaker in March 2015.)

In the last two months, the film has been shown on KCET Los Angeles, KTWU Topeka, and KCTS Seattle. It was also screened for the Oregon Historical Society and the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival. It’s scheduled for yet another screening in late June at the American Library Association Conference.

*Chinese Couplets* will be shown locally at the Roxie, at 2 p.m. on May 7, and at San Francisco State at 4:30 p.m. on May 9. Also, the film will be shown on KQED May 16, at 11 p.m. and May 17 at 5 a.m.—set your DVR for that one.

THAT’S 30. See you all next month. Make sure you register to vote and that all your friends have registered too. And if you missed me on 24th Street asking about your choice for president, write a letter to the editor: [editor@noevalleyvoice.com](mailto:editor@noevalleyvoice.com). Ciao.



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LIBRARY EVENTS

**Chair Yoga:** Connie Scott leads an energizing class, practiced on a chair, of yoga poses and breathing techniques to create strength, flexibility, and balance; the program is suitable for beginners and seniors. Mondays, May 2 & 9, 1 to 1:45 p.m.

**Friday Matinee:** Alfred Hitchcock’s 1954 film *Rear Window*, based on “It Had to Be Murder,” a short story published 12 years earlier by Cornell Woolrich, stars Jimmy Stewart, Grace Kelly, and Thelma Ritter. Friday, May 13, 2 to 4 p.m.

**Opera for the People:** Larry Oppenheim alternates video clips with concise commentary in sharing Jacques Offenbach’s final work, *The Tales of Hoffmann*. The opera is based upon stories by E.T.A. Hoffmann, Prussian author of the novella *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. Saturday, May 14, 2 to 3 p.m.

**Soap Carving:** Create your own design and carve it into a bar of soap at an adult craft workshop in which all materials are provided. Space is limited, so please call 415-355-5707 or sign up at the library’s front desk. Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. to noon.

**eReader and Online Resource Drop-In:** Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN, and your passwords to a workshop on using the SFPL’s digital resources, including the library catalog and databases, Zinio for magazines, ebooks, and Hoopla! for movies, music, and audiobooks. Tuesday, May 24, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

**Screen Time with Hoopla!** Did you know the library offers free streaming of eBooks, music, TV, films, and audiobooks? Find out how you can read, watch, and listen from your portable device in this quick overview of Hoopla. Bring your laptop, tablet, or smartphone for a hands-on demo. Saturday, May 28, 2 to 3 p.m.

**Noe Valley Knitting Circle:** Come knit or crochet the first Saturday of the month; the library has supplies to practice on but bring your own yarn and needles or hooks if you have a special project in mind. Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The **Noe Valley Book Discussion Group** reads *Being Mortal* by surgeon Atul Gawande, about the promise and pitfalls of medicine at the end of life. Wednesday, May 18, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The **Great Books Discussion Group** meets to discuss and learn from outstanding works of writing. For details, email Elena Schmid at [eschmid@sonic.net](mailto:eschmid@sonic.net). Wednesday, May 11, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

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MORE BOOKS TO READ

For May and Other Days

Want to know what’s really at the center of the earth? How reptiles evolved from amphibians? Or how soul singer James Brown “got on the good foot”? Check out the books and films highlighted this month by librarians Denise Sanderson and Catherine Starr of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library.

To see other titles in the library’s collection, call or stroll 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). Note that all the city’s libraries will be closed on Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

Children’s Fiction

- All the animals get cures for their ailments in the picture book *Doctor Nice*, written and illustrated by Valeri Gorbachev. Ages 3 to 7.
- The fastest man in the West meets his match in *Jackrabbit McCabe and the Electric Telegraph*, written by Lucy Margaret Rozier, with illustrations by Leo Espinosa. Ages 4 to 8.
- A second-grader accidentally hurts a classmate during a soccer game in *Lola Levine Is Not Mean!* by Monica Brown, with illustrations by Angela Dominguez. Ages 6 to 10.
- A boy copes with changing schools for the third time in two years in *Josh Baxter Levels Up* by Gavin Brown. Ages 8 to 12.

• Set in 1942 after Pearl Harbor, *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban tells the story of a Japanese-American girl and her family, who are sent to a prison camp in the desert. Ages 9 to 12.

• In *The Bubble Wrap Boy* by Phil Earle, a boy with an overprotective mother discovers skateboarding and develops more confidence. Ages 10 and up.

Children’s Nonfiction

- The twists and turns of a disorganized event in the first Olympics are described in *The Wildest Race Ever: The Story of the 1904 Olympic Marathon*, written and illustrated by Meghan McCarthy. Ages 4 to 8.
- Kathleen Krull profiles the first Latino justice to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Women Who Broke the Rules: Sonia Sotomayor*, with illustrations by Angela Dominguez. Ages 6 to 9.
- Creatures both common and exotic appear in National Geographic’s *Ultimate Reptileopedia: The Most Complete Reptile Reference Ever*, by Christina Wilsdon. Ages 7 to 10.
- Veterinarian Sue Carstairs tells about her work in *Saving Turtles: A Kids’ Guide to Helping Endangered Creatures*. Ages 9 and up.

Adult Fiction

- In Sathnam Sanghera’s debut novel, *Marriage Material*, an immigrant family confronts the differences between British and Punjabi culture.
- *Women Crime Writers: Four Suspense Novels of the 1940s*, edited by Sarah Weinman, includes four complete works by Vera Caspary, Helen Eustis, Dorothy B. Hughes, and Elizabeth Sanxay Holding.
- Jonathan Lee weaves fact and fiction in *High Dive*, a novel surrounding the 1984 attempt on the life of British prime minister Margaret Thatcher.
- An Australian World War II widow searches for ways to go on living, in *The Railwayman’s Wife* by Ashley Hay.

Adult Nonfiction

- In *Drawing Blood: A Memoir*, Molly Crabapple recounts her travels and adventures in post 9/11 New York, Guantanamo, Syria, and Abu Dhabi. This title is also available as an ebook.
- Stephen Fraser, Judi Ketteler, and Becka Rahn’s *The Spoonflower Handbook: A DIY Guide to Designing Fabric, Wallpaper & Gift Wrap* offers a step-by-step guide to creating and ordering custom fabric.
- *Into the Heart of Our World: A Journey to the Center of the Earth*, by British science journalist David Whitehouse, explores what lies 1,900 miles below the earth’s surface.

eBooks

- An 11-year-old girl from inner-city Brooklyn is introduced to riding horses when she stays with a family in upstate New York, in *The Mare* by Mary Gaitskill.
- A young woman returns to the tiny Montana town where she grew up, in *The Flood Girls*, a “snappy, sassy redemption story” by Richard Fifield.

DVDs

- Bryan Cranston and Helen Mirren star in the 2015 film *Trumbo*, the story of Dalton Trumbo, a Hollywood screenwriter blacklisted in the 1950s.

CHILDREN’S EVENTS

**Music with Charity Kahn:** The singer from the popular group Charity and the JAMband brings an hour of music and dance with themes of peace, celebration, and care for the Earth, including songs from Charity’s new CD. For ages 4 and younger with parent/caregiver. Friday, May 6, 4 to 5 p.m.

**Chinese Stories:** Wearing the scholar’s robe and using the folding fan, **Charlie Chin** narrates traditional Chinese tales in English, as part of SFPL’s month-long celebration of Asian-Pacific American heritage. Recommended for ages 6-plus. Thursday, May 19, 3 to 4 p.m.

**Toddler Tales:** Join Miss Catherine for stories, rhymes, music, and movement for children ages 16 months through 2 years accompanied by parent or caregiver. Thursdays, May 5, 12 & 19, from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

**Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films:** Short vintage films often not available on DVD are screened for children 3 to 5 years and their caregivers. Thursday, May 26, at 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

FOR TEENS AND UP

**AAC Conversation Club:** The Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) Conversation Club is an opportunity for users of devices such as Dynavox, QuickTalker, and Talk Bar, or apps on smartphones and tablets, to come together and practice. The group is sponsored in partnership with Support for Families of Children with Disabilities. Mondays, May 2, 9, 16 & 23, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

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- The 2015 film *In the Heart of the Sea* takes place in 1820, on a New England whaling ship that was assaulted by a giant whale.
- Three African-American siblings search for clues to their long-lost Chinese grandfather in *Finding Samuel Lowe: From Harlem to China*, a film based on the best-selling memoir by Paula Williams Madison.
- The documentary *Mr. Dynamite: The Rise of James Brown* follows the career of the “King of Soul” through film footage, interviews, and performances.



*Annotations are written by Noe Valley Voice bookworm Karol Barske.*

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Website: [www.al-anonsf.org](http://www.al-anonsf.org)  
Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30-9 p.m.  
St. Philip Church, 725 Diamond St. (park on Elizabeth Street side; enter on 24th Street through parking lot)

**Castro Area Planning + Action**  
Contact: 621-0120  
Email: [info@capasf.org](mailto: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](http://www.evna.org)  
Address: P.O. Box 14137, SF, 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](http://www.CastroMerchants.com)

**Diamond Heights Community Association**  
Contact: Betsy Eddy, 867-5774  
Address: P.O. Box 31529, SF, CA 94131  
Website: [www.dhcasf.org](http://www.dhcasf.org)  
Meetings: First Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Call for location.

**Dolores Heights Improvement Club**  
Email: [info@doloresheights.org](mailto:info@doloresheights.org)  
Website: [www.doloresheights.org](http://www.doloresheights.org)  
Meetings: Third Thursday of every second month. Bank of America, 18th and Castro.

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

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

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

## MORE GROUPS TO JOIN

**Friends of Billy Goat Hill**  
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Website: [www.billygoathill.net](http://www.billygoathill.net)

**Friends of Dolores Park Playground**  
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Meetings: See website.

**Friends of Glen Canyon Park**  
Contact: Richard Craib, 648-0862, or Jean Connor, 584-8576  
Address: 140 Turquoise Way, SF, CA 94131  
Meetings: Call for details.

**Friends of Noe Courts Playground**  
Contact: Laura Norman  
Email: [lauranor@yahoo.com](mailto:lauranor@yahoo.com)  
Address: c/o Friends of Noe Valley, P.O. Box 460953, SF, CA 94146  
Meetings: Email for dates and times.

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

**Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center**  
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Email: [info@noevalleyreccenter.com](mailto:info@noevalleyreccenter.com)  
Website: [www.noevalleyreccenter.com](http://www.noevalleyreccenter.com)  
Meetings: Email or check website.

**Friends of On Lok's 30th Street Senior Center**  
Contact: Marianne Hampton, 601-7845  
Address: 225 30th St., SF, CA 94131  
Meetings: Occasional. Call for details.

**Friends of Upper Noe Dog Owners Group (FUND OG)**  
Contacts: Chris Faust, David Emanuel  
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Website: [www.fundogsf.org](http://www.fundogsf.org)

**Glen Park Association**  
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Website: [glenparkassociation.org](http://glenparkassociation.org)  
Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131

**Juri Commoners**  
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Email: [dave@schweisguth.org](mailto:dave@schweisguth.org)  
Website: [www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners](http://www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners)  
Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noon.  
Check website.

**Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association**  
Contact: John Barbey, 695-0990  
Address: P.O. Box 192114, SF, CA 94119  
Meetings: Quarterly. Call for details.

**Merchants of Upper Market and Castro**  
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Email: [info@castromerchants.com](mailto:info@castromerchants.com)  
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**Noe Valley Association—24th Street Community Benefit District**  
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Email: [info@noevalleyassociation.org](mailto:info@noevalleyassociation.org)  
Website: [www.noevalleyassociation.org](http://www.noevalleyassociation.org)  
Board meetings: Quarterly. See website.

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

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**Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)**  
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Meetings: Last Wednesdays, Bank of America, 4098 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.  
Website: [www.NoValleyMerchants.com](http://www.NoValleyMerchants.com)

**Progress Noe Valley**  
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Meetings announced via Facebook group. See website for details.

**Protect Noe's Charm**  
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Meetings: See website.

**San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)**  
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<http://www.sf-fire.org/index.aspx?page=879>  
Meetings: See website for training schedules.

**Noe Valley Parent Network**  
An e-mail resource network for parents  
Contact: Mina Kenvin  
Email: [minaken@gmail.com](mailto:minaken@gmail.com)

**Noe Valley Parents, San Francisco**  
Listserv contact: [noevalleyparent-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:noevalleyparent-owner@yahoogroups.com). Subscribe: [noevalleyparentsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:noevalleyparentsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Outer Noe Valley Merchants**  
Contact: Jim Appenrodt, 641-1500  
Address: 294 29th St., SF, CA 94131  
Meetings: Call for details.

**Residents for Noe Valley Town Square**  
Contact: Todd David, 401-0625  
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Website: [www.noevalleytownsquare.com](http://www.noevalleytownsquare.com)  
Meetings: Call for details.

**San Jose/Guerrero Coalition to Save Our Streets**  
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Website: [www.sanjoseguerrero.com](http://www.sanjoseguerrero.com)  
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**SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores**  
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Website: [www.safecleangreen.com](http://www.safecleangreen.com)

**Upper Noe Neighbors**  
Contact: Marianne Hampton, 821-2150  
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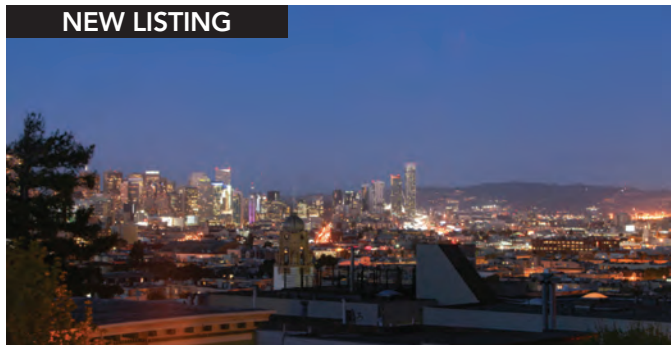


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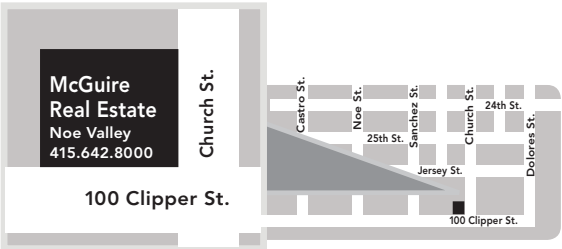
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