



THE NOE VALLEY VOICE



It Feels Good to Fill It. David Eiland, co-owner of Just for Fun, brightens up during the holiday season as he and other Noe Valley merchants contribute to neighborhood events and favorite charities.

Photo by Beverly Sharp

Noe Valley Businesses That Give

There Are So Many, It's Hard To Count

By Richard May

Have you ever wondered how Noe Valley businesses year after year donate to school fundraisers, church festivals, street fairs, and numerous other local events?

The *Voice* has, so we decided to ask them: how do you manage to be so generous?

Several businesses say they give because it's the right thing to do.

"Not everybody is fortunate in life," says Max Conti, owner of La Ciccia Restaurant on 30th Street. "We should go back to taking care of each other."

Firefly Restaurant's owner, Brad Levy, agrees. "In this world, we have to find a way to make a difference," he says.

"We've got to give back to the people who've made it possible for us to be in business," says David Eiland, co-owner of Just for Fun on 24th Street.

Other proprietors say they respond to appeals because they themselves work and quite possibly live in the neighborhood.

"We're a big part of the neighborhood," Marcia Thomas, director of sales at Zephyr Real Estate, says, adding that

several of her office's agents live in Noe Valley.

"Because we're part of the community too," seconds Nick Demopolis, manager of the local Sterling Bank branch.

A third reason often mentioned is that donating makes good business sense.

"The better the community is, the better business is," attorney Robert Roddick of Noe Valley Law says. He should know—he's a longtime president of the Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association.

The owner of Cliché Noe Home + Gifts, Dani Sheehan-Meyer, notes that "local community support is important to our success." Janell Pekkain, owner of Olive This Olive That on Vicksburg Street, says, "If it wasn't for our local community, we wouldn't exist."

Paying It Forward

What businesses give might surprise you. Many give money, of course. Zephyr has ponied up \$12,000 to date to pay for the hayrides along 24th Street "since the first horse hit the street," according to Thomas.

Umpqua Bank donates money every year to support the Noe Valley Garden Tour. Sterling Bank wrote an annual

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Square Speaking: Young Molly Crawford (left) pleased the opening day audience with her eloquent testament to the hard work of her mom, Leslie Crawford, in bringing the Noe Valley Town Square to reality.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

Town Square Makes Its Debut

Ribbons Snipped on Schedule at New Plaza on 24th Street

By Matthew S. Bajko

Its groundbreaking in January was greeted with rain, so it seems fitting the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Noe Valley Town Square also coincided with a fall shower. The light dusting of raindrops, however, did little to dampen the celebratory mood of the event.

The city's newest open space, the 221st park unit, debuted on schedule Thursday, Oct. 27, after 10 months of soil remediation work and construction of the actual public plaza. Neighborhood leaders and city officials gathered at the site at noon that day for an official grand opening celebration.

SF Rec & Park General Manager Phil

Ginsburg joked he wished the sky had opened up with the same deluge as earlier this year, for it would be "perfect poetry on this 10-month project."

Addressing the nearly 300 people who turned out for the opening event, District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener said the park project "was a labor of love" for Noe Valley residents.

"Noe Valley doesn't have any community spaces in the commercial corridor, and we will now have a beautiful public plaza," said Wiener, who helped secure city funding for the project and who championed rezoning the land so it could be used for recreational purposes. "This is a huge win for Noe Valley."

Located at 3861 24th St., between Sanchez and Vicksburg streets, the park

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Decline in Rents Over Past Year

A Ceiling May Have Been Reached As Inventory Swells

By Corrie M. Anders

Landlord Jeff Maso figured his large studio apartment on Diamond Street—with its new dishwasher, thick carpeting, and lovely views of Twin Peaks—would rent fairly quickly after his last tenants moved out.

That was at the end of July. Since then, Maso has dropped the studio's monthly rent from \$2,500 to \$2,400 to \$2,350 to \$2,295. So far, he has had only one serious applicant, who subsequently decided to take an apartment elsewhere.

The unit, which was still vacant in mid-October, is only one apartment. But it is a clear example of how the balance of power in Noe Valley's rental market has shifted over the past year.

According to rent specialists, prices for vacant apartments have dropped any-



Remember These? Window signs are still a rarity, what with the popularity of digital bulletin boards like Craigslist. But experts say there is other evidence that vacancies in Noe have increased.

Photo by Corrie M. Anders

where from 3 to 10 percent in the neighborhood since October 2015. Feeling the pinch, some apartment owners have begun offering incentives to attract new renters. Others—those with full apartments—have foregone rent increases to keep their current tenants happy. There

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November 21st

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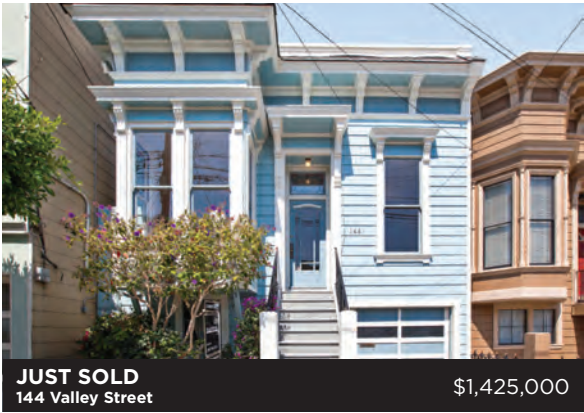
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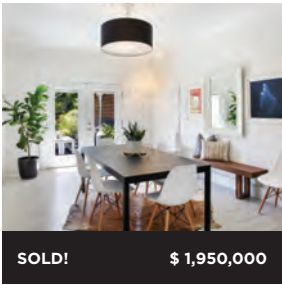
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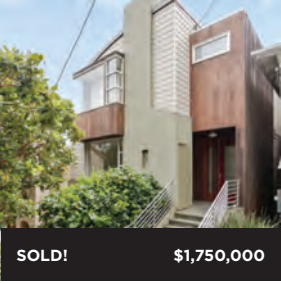
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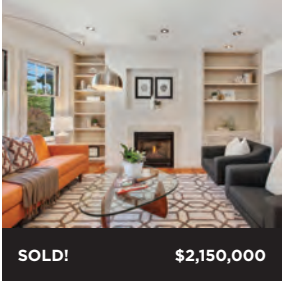
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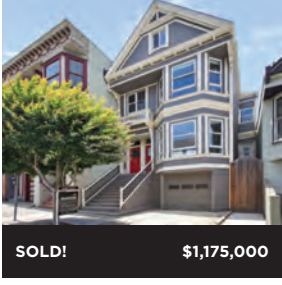
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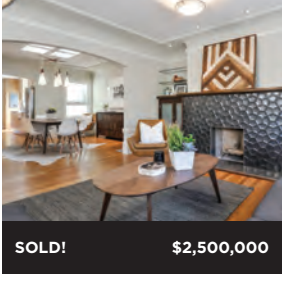
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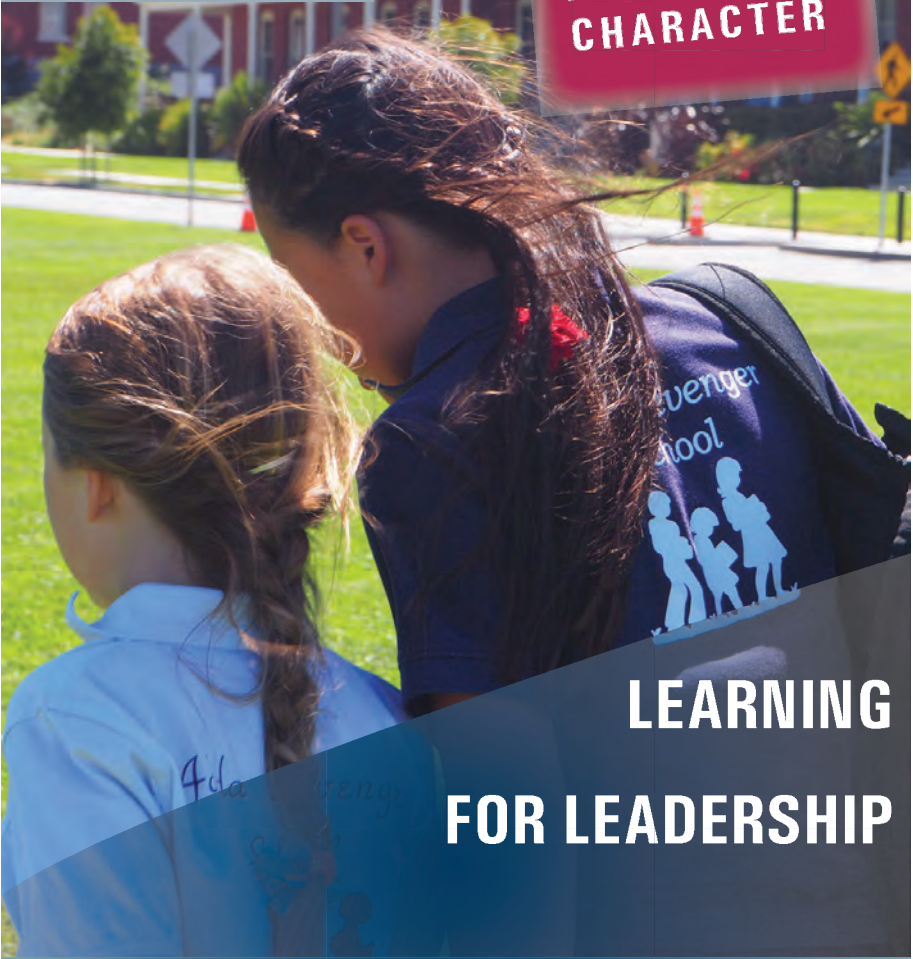
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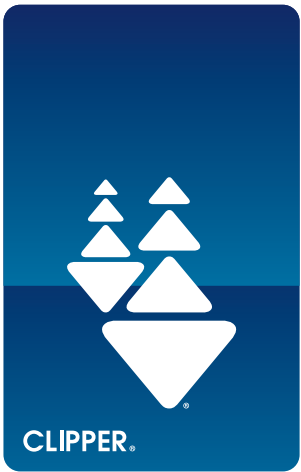
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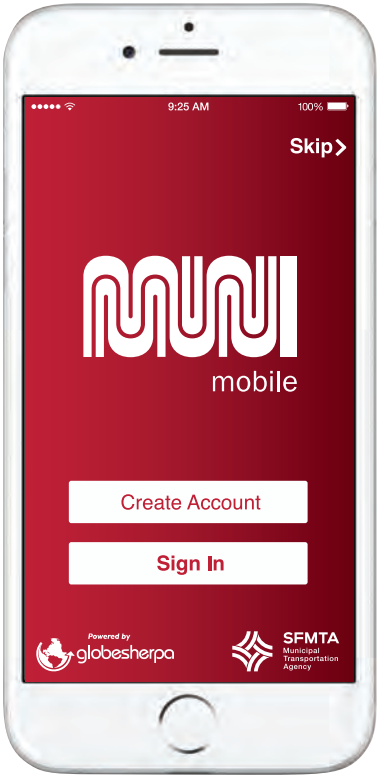
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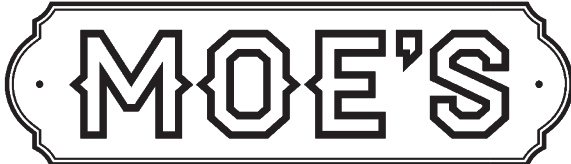
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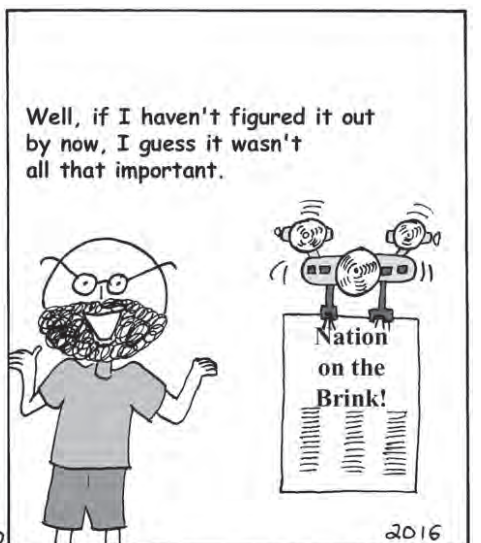
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LETTERS

Editor's Note: Modern Times Bookstore, currently located at 2919 24th St. in the Mission, sent this letter to the community in mid-October. It was headlined, "Modern Times Bookstore Collective in San Francisco Regrettably Announces Closing: Serving Radical Progressives and the Mission District for 45 Years."

Modern Times Bookstore Closing Editor:

On Nov. 15, Modern Times Bookstore Collective will be closing on the 45th anniversary of doing business in San Francisco's Mission District. Despite the small staff's best efforts, the store could not sustain itself following its move to 24th Street in the face of an untenable rent increase in 2011 at its beloved Valencia Street location. For the last five years, the store relied on the support of its members, regular customers, neighborhood organizations, private donors, and wider community support, without which it would not have survived. The store is eternally

grateful for the ongoing support of the writers and poets, scholars, activists, community leaders, and readers who stood by during the last five years.

The store first opened its doors at 17th and Sanchez in 1971 as a group of friends responding to the ongoing Vietnam War. A "movement" bookstore, Modern Times sustained two moves within the neighborhood and in its 20th year landed in its most remembered spot on Valencia [888 Valencia St.]; it remained there for the next 20 years.

Hosting authors as diverse as Sherman Alexie, Alice Walker, Slavoj Žižek, Elizabeth Betita Martínez, and Adam Hochschild, Modern Times' vision had truly grown into its identity as a full-service progressive resource for the Bay Area. Developing its Spanish-language section and embracing a wide-range of literature on globalization, politics, and world economies, as well as informed sexuality and gender sections, Modern Times had become the go-to resource for politically aware and active residents of the Bay Area.

The store's move to 24th Street in 2011 turned out to be its final one, and yet its struggle to survive gentrification was in keeping with its 45-year loving and fighting spirit. From the dawn of gay liberation to radical queer movement, from the struggles in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Chiapas, to the Latino community's contemporary struggle to survive gentrification in the Mission, from women's liberation and the environmental movement to Occupy, Black Lives Matter, and in the ongoing fights against police terrorism,

racism, ablism, and mass incarceration, Modern Times has been there.

It is hoped that the store's sensibilities and sensitivities will linger in the neighborhood long after the doors are closed and the books are gone....

All inventory will be reduced beginning Oct. 15. All calendar events through Nov. 15 will continue as planned.

For further information, contact: events.moderntimes@gmail.com

Modern Times Bookstore Collective
 2919 24th St.

Sad to Lose Meat Market

Editor:

I am very sad to hear about the closing of E&J Meats, long known as Drewes Brothers [Rumors Behind the News, September 2016 *Voice*].

There should be room for the small butcher.

I became a customer in 2007. I always looked forward to shopping there. Hard to believe the neighborhood couldn't support the historic Drewes Meat Market.

Ruth Rosenblatt
 24th Street

Editor's Note: We reported in October's Rumors that the building owner is on the verge of renting to a new butcher in the Drewes location at 1706 Church St. So there's a good chance a 127-year-old tradition will continue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 Email editor@noevalleyvoice.com



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Video Wave of Noe Valley is pleased to announce that we have just signed a lease with the landlord at 4027 24th Street! We now know that we are going to be here at least another year, and if everything goes well we have the option to continue on for years after that. Our heartfelt thanks to our customers, the neighborhood community, and all who have contributed to our ongoing GoFundMe fund raising campaign; we would not be in this position without your support!

Our expansion into the whole store space is ongoing, and quite exciting for us. Please pardon our dust as we make changes and grow into the new space. As part of that expansion, we will be adding to our movie treat selections, we will have much more than we used to carry at our old location. Look for our ice cream freezer to return soon!

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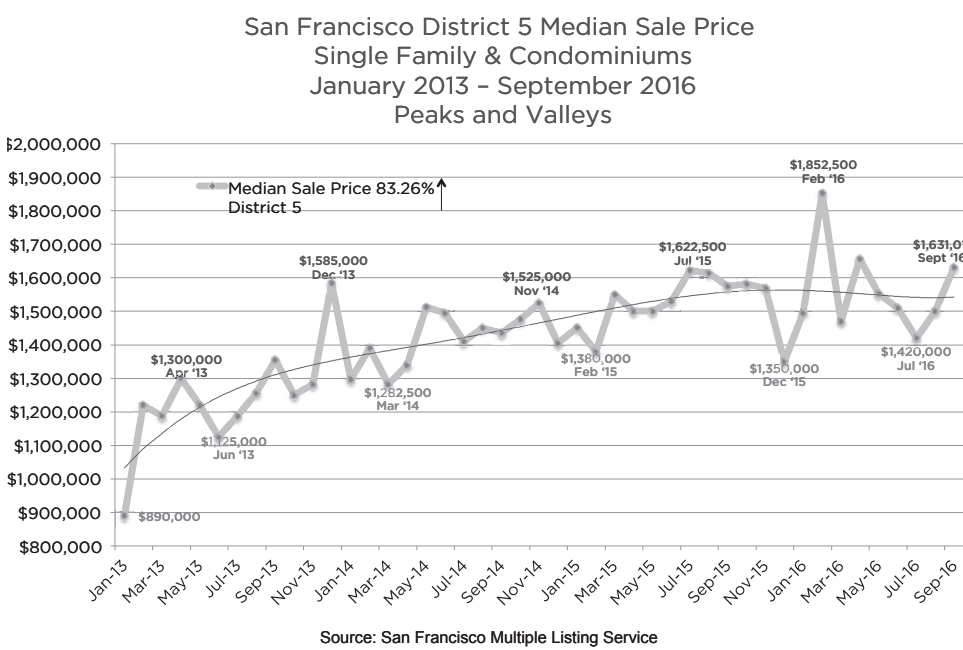
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- 14. Prego alternative
- 15. First course at NoVY
- 16. Oklahoma Indians
- 17. Huck Finn's relative who wanted to "civilize" him
- 19. Some fortified wines at Plumpjack
- 20. Drop a line
- 21. Here, to Hugo
- 23. "So that's your game!"
- 24. Louse that one picks?
- 25. Music mecca in midtown Manhattan, memorably
- 30. State-Senator-turned-federal-prisoner Leland
- 31. HBO rival
- 32. Noe real-estate name
- 33. "___ gratia artis" (MGM's motto)
- 35. Do some tailoring
- 36. Big name in road atlases
- 41. Partner of "desist"
- 43. Bacon alternative at Toast
- 44. Like Joan Baez in the 1960s
- 47. NSA partner, or perhaps rival
- 49. Auto gizmo that talks, in brief
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- making baskets
- 59. Belly button type
- 62. Nice place to live in San Francisco
- 65. Make ___: phone
- 66. Fictional Jane
- 67. "How are you?" response
- 68. Girl's name associated with nervousness
- 69. June 6, 1944
- 70. Fivesomes in all Shakespeare plays

DOWN

- 1. Bounty or Viva rival
- 2. Hugh of "House"
- 3. Set aflame
- 4. Finish on the green
- 5. Simile center
- 6. Campaigner, in brief
- 7. French ___ Flower Shop
- 8. Hidden filming device

- 9. Soak
- 10. O.J. trial judge Lance
- 11. Ethical quality
- 12. "Don't miss it!"
- 13. Many an early Wells Fargo employee
- 18. Tennis match divisions
- 22. A business magazine
- 26. "If ___ a Hammer"
- 27. TV character who said, "Women. Can't live with 'em, pass the beer nuts."
- 28. "...I've got ___ in Kalamazoo"
- 29. Break in the action
- 34. Adda Clevenger, e.g.: Abbr.
- 36. Logical
- 37. Take ___ (drink slowly)
- 38. Good ___ (Sam's place on 24th)
- 39. Salt, elementally

- 40. Parisian gal pal
- 41. Sea fed by the Volga
- 42. Add pizzazz to
- 45. Hereditary title: ___ khan
- 46. Precipitated
- 48. "Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
- 49. Gilroy's claim to fame
- 50. Part of PTA
- 51. "Please agree with me"
- 53. Beau and Jeff's dad
- 58. Italian auto ___ Romeo
- 60. Neighbor of Ind.
- 61. TV Tarzan Ron
- 63. Baseball stat.
- 64. "Oy" follower

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Town Square Greeted With Round of Applause

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will be open from dawn to dusk and operated by the city's Recreation and Park Department.

"I think it looks great," said Todd David, co-founder of the group Residents for Noe Valley Town Square, which pushed to save the site from being developed into housing. "I am really pleased with how it is turning out."

Irene Hendrick, who has lived in the neighborhood since 1977, told the *Noe Valley Voice* she was at first skeptical of the open space idea. Seeing it for the first time at the opening event, she said it was a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

"It looks like it has come along pretty well," said Hendrick, adding that she hoped it would bring the local community together and become a space "where you can see people in the neighborhood."

A Six-Year-Old Dream

As the *Voice* has previously reported, the city purchased the park site in 2013 for \$4.2 million from the Noe Valley Ministry, as the Presbyterian church had put the property on the market in order to pay for a renovation and seismic retrofit of its gothic building at Sanchez and 23rd streets.

Fearful of losing the Noe Valley Farmers Market, which had operated on the parking lot since December 2004, local residents banded together to save the parcel as open space. In 2010, they formed the Residents group—now fiscally sponsored by the nonprofit San Francisco Parks Alliance—to raise money to purchase it.

CMG Landscape Architecture won the commission to design the new open space, and Bauman Landscape & Construction, Inc., was selected to build it. Construction began earlier this year with the demolition of the parking lot, which for most of its history had hosted a gas station.

The 10,829-square-foot lot, at a cost of \$3 million, has been reimagined into a largely open flexible plaza that can be utilized not only by the weekly farmers market on Saturdays but also by residents and community groups for events throughout the week.

The public park features a perimeter garden, a play area with a small red slide for children, a garden trellis, benches, a water fountain, and lighting. Chairs and tables are stored in cupboards at the back of the square, which is paved in a black and gray checkered pattern using perme-



A nanny keeps close watch as two children scamper up the hill to get to the top of the slide in the tot play area at the rear of the new plaza on 24th Street.

Photo by Sally Smith

able concrete pavers. A public restroom will be added at a future date.

The Bay Area-based firm Wowhaus, comprised of married couple Scott Constable and Ene Osteraas-Constable, created a pair of bronze owl statues that are nestled near the children's play area. A few of the existing trees were saved while new ones have been planted around the park's perimeter, along with drought-tolerant plants.

Kids Try Out Play Area

Nearly a dozen toddlers and preschoolers, watched over closely by their caretakers, had already discovered the tot play area and were sliding, climbing, and running around the area before the official ribbon had been cut to the park. Erika Torres, looking after the boy she babysits, said she wished the play area was a bit bigger "and had more stuff for the kids."

And Jennifer Soriano, watching two little girls, was concerned they would hurt themselves as they clambered over several boulders to the right of the slide.

"When they are with their parents it is fine, but when under my care I stress," she said.

Their young charges remained oblivious to their nannies' concerns as they squealed with glee. Several of the children ran right to the pair of owl statues, climbing on them and steering through their open eyes to the delight of the artists.

A beaming Ene Osteraas-Constable

took photos of one young boy as he peered through the smaller of the owls, repeating the phrase "peek-a-boo" as she clicked away on her camera. Her husband said it was exactly how they hoped children would respond to the artwork.

"We wanted the kids to be looking through them. It represents seeing through the eyes of others," he said.

Their placement on a dirt path that winds its way over a small hill constructed in the middle back portion of the park is "perfectly sited," he added.

As for the months of back-and-forth on the design, Constable said it had resulted in a "better product," with the decision to pare the statuary down from three to two serving as "a homage to parenthood."

Good Place for Gathering

Talking to the *Voice* a few days ahead of the opening party, Wiener said he was "excited beyond words" at seeing the project come to fruition.

"There are many incredible things about being a district supervisor, but one of them is being able to partner with the community on significant neighborhood improvements that will benefit the neighbors for decades to come," said Wiener. "The Noe Valley Town Square is a game-changer for the neighborhood."

Todd David said he was most eager to see local residents embrace the new park and begin utilizing it in the coming weeks and months. Ideas that have already been floated include movie nights at the square, once-a-month visits from Off the Grid food trucks, and perhaps taekwondo classes in the mornings.

"I hope it will be a community gathering place that is similar in feel to the farmers market on Saturdays," he said. "We

are extending that sense of community to seven days a week. That is what we really hope the ultimate goal will be."

Farmers Market Ready to Dance

With the bulk of the work on the plaza now completed, the farmers market on Saturday, Oct. 29, moved off of the block of 24th Street it has been operating on since construction began and back into the former parking lot space.

"It sounds hyperbolic but we are beyond thrilled," said Leslie Crawford, a co-founder of the Noe Valley Farmers Market.

The market held its own ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new park that morning and served a cake donated by Noe Valley Bakery.

"Almost 13 years ago we did a ribbon-cutting when we opened the farmers market," noted Crawford. "This is our Noe Valley Farmers Market 2.0; it is our re-launch."

The farmers market board will also be hosting the first big event in the new space the evening of Saturday, Nov. 5. Called the Town Square Dance, it will feature a square dance caller who will give square dance instruction for a half hour before the real dancing begins. Other festivities include a pie-eating contest and performances by the James Lick Middle School Band and the Friction Quartet.

"The goal is to inaugurate the space with a joyful, community-oriented event that welcomes everyone to come meet their neighbors, and if they're inspired, kick up their heels," Crawford explained to the *Voice*.

The Town Square Dance is free of charge and will run from 5 to 8 p.m. ■



State Assemblyman David Chiu, State Senator Mark Leno, and District 8 Supervisor Scott Wiener share scissors with Noe Valleyans Peter Gabel, Leslie Crawford, and Todd David at the Oct. 27 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Noe Valley Town Square. Photo by Pamela Gerard



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City to Expand Staggered Parking Meter Rates

Prices Could Fluctuate More During Different Times of Day

By Matthew S. Bajko

It soon could cost drivers more to park at metered spaces in Noe Valley during peak times, should demand-based pricing be expanded citywide in early 2017. Transit officials argue the trade-off for drivers would be less time circling the block to find a place to park and cheaper prices if they time their errands right. “People would find more parking in an area where they want to shop,” contends

Hank Willson, the parking policy manager in the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s Sustainable Streets division. The SFMTA began testing out the concept, known as demand-responsive parking pricing, in the spring of 2011 under a pilot project called SFpark. In SFpark areas, the cost to park—both at metered spaces on the street and in city-owned parking lots—differs throughout the day, depending on the demand. The program encourages people to use their cars during off-peak times, when there are more free metered spaces and the cost to park in them is less. The SFpark meter rates range from 50 cents an hour to \$6 an hour in most areas and \$7 near the AT&T ballpark. The rates vary between weekdays and weekends, as well as three blocks of time during the

day: 9 a.m. to noon, noon to 3 p.m., and 3 to 6 p.m. The program was rolled out in the Civic Center/Hayes Valley, the Financial District, South of Market/Mission Bay, the Mission, Fisherman’s Wharf, the Fillmore, and the Marina. It marked the first time a city had implemented demand-based pricing to park. An evaluation of the project using data through the spring of 2013 found that, on average, prices at meters dropped by 11 cents per hour, from \$2.69 to \$2.58, and drivers spent 43 percent less time circling in search of parking. According to the evaluation report, “the amount of time that blocks were too full to find parking decreased 16 percent in pilot areas while increasing 51 percent in control areas. In other words, SFpark made it easier for drivers to quickly find parking spaces. In areas where people pay at the meter most of the time, the impacts were even more notable, with a 45 percent decrease,” the report said. Drivers were also ticketed less, by 23 percent, in the SFpark pilot areas. And double parking also decreased by 22 percent, the SFMTA found. “It was a big success,” Willson told Castro merchants at a meeting in early October, the first of many he has planned with neighborhood groups this fall and winter to promote the proposal. “We think the more you learn about it, the more you will like it.” Censors embedded in each metered parking space informed transit officials if they were being used or were vacant. The data collected was used to determine how much to charge people to park, with the aim of ensuring there were one or two open spaces per block at all times. The city has adjusted the meter rates 19 times over the past five years, with the latest taking effect in October. Prices de-

creased by 25 cents during 18 percent of metered hours and increased by 25 cents during 13 percent of metered hours. The rates remained the same for 69 percent of metered hours. Via the SFpark app, available for free download on both iPhones and Android cellphones, drivers can determine the current parking rates in the neighborhood they intend to visit. “The goal is not to raise revenue. The goal is to make parking easier,” said Willson. Should the SFMTA move forward with expanding the program, San Francisco would be the first major city in the nation to implement it citywide. But doing so has raised concerns among some merchants. Dani Sheehan-Meyer, the co-owner of Cliché Noe Home + Gifts on 24th Street, told the *Noe Valley Voice* she has some misgivings about seeing SFpark come to the neighborhood. “I worry as a merchant that the MTA does not have our best interests at heart. While I don’t think the fees here in Noe will quite hit the cap of \$7 per hour, the program does not encourage one to linger,” said Sheehan-Meyer, who serves as secretary for the San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations. The current cost for cars to park at a meter in Noe Valley can range from 75 cents to \$2.50 per hour throughout the day. The price is calculated based on how many meters are being used in the area between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays. Sundays are free to park. Under the SFpark system, that fluctuation in pricing to park in the neighborhood would increase. To learn more about the program, visit <http://sfpark.org/>. ■



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Renters Have More Choices Available

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also has been an increase in the number of vacant units. The extra supply has provided renters more choices, giving them leeway to negotiate with landlords and time to shop around.

In October a year ago, according to a *Noe Valley Voice* survey of listings on Craigslist, there were 24 one-bedroom and 38 two-bedroom apartments for rent in Noe Valley. This October, the numbers were much higher: 33 one-bedroom and 44 two-bedroom listings were available.

In a mixed bag of results, the survey showed that landlords on average asked nearly 12 percent more for one-bedroom units this October than they did last October. But the year-over-year rent for two-bedroom units was down, by about 9 percent. In addition, the \$1,948 average asking price for a studio apartment was nearly 20 percent cheaper this October than a year ago. (See table below.)

One Apartment Owner’s Story

“It used to be a lot easier,” Maso, a recently retired attorney, said during an Oct. 22 open house at his studio, located on the first floor of his home, where he’s lived since 1989.

Last July, he said, after his previous tenants, a high-tech worker and his wife, relocated to the Peninsula, a real estate friend had suggested he set the studio’s rent \$400 higher, at \$2,500.

There was initial interest, Maso said, but the price appeared to deter most prospects. So he lowered it—not once but three times over the next three months.

Now, “not many people are out there looking,” he said.

In fact, only one person showed up during the first hour of the October open house. The shopper, who did not want to be identified by name, told Maso she’d found “lots of units vacant” in the city and a wide range of prices for studio apartments.

The woman did not submit an application for Maso’s studio. After she left the apartment, the shopper told the *Voice* that landlords in general seemed more willing to negotiate on price and to lower a renter’s move-in fees, normally the equivalent of three months’ rent.

She said there was a nice side benefit to the current rental climate: searching for an apartment was less stressful than in the past.

Renters in the Driver’s Seat

“Prospective tenants are aware of what is going on in the market,” said John Fedele, property manager for Real Management Company (RMC), a rental management firm based in Noe Valley.

“They are aware the price is off over last year,” he said. “They are more in the driver’s seat, and they have more choices and move leverage.”

Fedele said some new tenants were paying considerably less than the renters they had replaced. He cited the case of a tenant who recently paid \$2,750 for a one-bedroom apartment in a four-unit building with no parking on Jersey Street, and another where a renter shelled out \$3,250 for a large one-bedroom with



Diamond Street landlord Jeff Maso tells a prospective renter about the features in his studio apartment, which has stood vacant since the end of July. To woo tenants, Maso has reduced his asking price three times over the past three months. Photo by Corrie M. Anders

parking and laundry in Baja Noe, on Noe Valley’s eastern edge. In both cases, Fedele said, the units were 10 percent cheaper than they’d been before.

Fedele said landlords tended to raise the price on rent-controlled units—the annual maximum increase this year was 1.6 percent—but not on apartments that did not fall under the city’s rent law.

“We are much more reluctant to increase those rents,” which may already be at maximum pricing, he said. “There is more of a focus in retaining tenants and offering not to raise the rent if the tenant agrees to stay another year.”

However, Fedele said, Noe Valley property owners rarely give monetary concessions, such as a month’s free rent. But landlords, more than they have in the past, are pitching their rentals as welcoming to cats and dogs.

“There are more units this year that are more pet-friendly than in the past,” he said. “Pet-friendly units are more desirable” to renters.

Building Boom Creates Surplus

In a report released in October, real estate analyst Patrick Carlisle of Paragon Commercial Brokerage said there was a consensus among housing specialists that rents had declined this year “after five or six years of feverish appreciation.”

Carlisle said the drop-off, in Noe Valley and citywide, had been 3 to 4 percent from the third quarter of 2015 to the same quarter this year.

Over the past year, Carlisle said, San Francisco had seen thousands of new luxury apartments become available, in the largest surge of rental construction since World War II. Most of the new inventory was comprised of large buildings, each with several hundred units, built in the South Beach, South of Market, Mission-Dogpatch, and Potrero Hill neighborhoods.

This glut of super-expensive projects forced the building owners to offer substantial incentives, such as one or two months’ free rent, to fill their apartments.

Noe Valley’s mostly mom-and-pop landlords likely lost some renters to the swank new buildings, which often featured swimming pools, fitness centers, and other upscale amenities.

first half of 2016—a loss that’s “a pretty significant change in the demand for rental housing.”

‘No, I’m Not Paying That...’

At the same time, Carlisle said, affordability had become an issue. Renters no longer wanted to turn over large chunks of their paychecks to live in Noe Valley.

“There comes a point where people just say, ‘No, I’m not paying that much.... I can’t pay \$40,000 a year for a studio with no tax benefits,’ and [they] turn away in greater numbers to look at other options.”

But Carlisle said he did not “see any signs of a crash” in the rental market, like when the dot-com bubble burst in 2000 and prices “dropped about 25 percent overnight.”

In fact, Carlisle said, hiring of new employees might have gotten “a second wind” in the city at the end of the summer, meaning a new wave of people could be looking for apartments.

That’s an encouraging sign for small landlords like Maso, who’s anxious to get his studio occupied.

“If I don’t get a nibble or two,” he said, “I’m going to drop [the rent] to \$2,250.” ■

Noe Valley Rents*

Unit	No. in Sample	Range October 2016	Average October 2016	Average September 2016	Average October 2015
Studio	4	\$1,500 - \$2,395	\$1,948 / mo.	\$2,448 / mo.	\$2,430 / mo.
1-bdrm	33	\$2,450 - \$5,999	\$3,489 / mo.	\$3,343 / mo.	\$3,117 / mo.
2-bdrm	44	\$3,150 - \$6,500	\$4,315 / mo.	\$4,713 / mo.	\$4,742 / mo.
3-bdrm	24	\$3,750 - \$19,900	\$7,053 / mo.	\$9,622 / mo.	\$6,435 / mo.
4+-bdrm	7	\$6,999 - \$16,500	\$10,697 / mo.	\$11,065 / mo.	\$9,867 / mo.

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Zephyr Real Estate is a longtime donor to neighborhood causes. "We like to give back," says sales director Marcia Thomas. "We support the Hayride, and the agents also give individually, which the office then matches." They also contact Santa each year, who then comes to visit. Representing the crew in October were (front row, left to right) James Romeo Holloway, Nadia Ruimy, Amy Clemens, Marcia Thomas, Terry Lynn Marks, and Aimee Arost; and (back row) Stefano DeZerega, Kevin McCollom, Ken Eggers, and Michael Sarkissian. Photo by Beverly Tharp

To Most Merchants Giving Comes Naturally

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\$2,500 check to help fund the Noe Valley Harvest Festival, but now that the festival is on hiatus, the bank gives the money to SummerFest, the June celebration of summer.

Other businesses provide money in less direct ways. Patxi's Pizza donates a percentage of its receipts one day each month to a different nonprofit. In October, the fundraiser went toward a trip to Washington, D.C., for students at James Lick Middle School.

From now until December, Just for Fun will give a 20 percent discount on toys being purchased for the Local 798 Firefighters toy barrel in the store.

At Firefly, during the month of Janu-

ary, 10 percent of each diner's bill goes to San Francisco public schools. The customer designates which school is to receive the donation.

From Cookies to Classes

Plenty of shops and professionals donate merchandise, of course, for all the raffles happening all year in Noe Valley.

Xcelerate Salon contributes hair care products, and Bernie's and Martha's donate coffee. Vince Hogan at the Valley Tavern is always willing to hand over a free bottle or two for a good cause. The Noe Valley Bakery bakes complimentary cakes and cookies.

Some businesses contribute discontinued products, but they are perfectly useful and fun.

Others give time. Conti and his wife, Lorella, conduct cooking classes for children. James Holloway, an agent at Zephyr, plays Santa Claus outside the local office during the holidays. Speaking of which, Noe Valley Pet Company hosts

free pet photos with Santa, this year on Nov. 19.

Paula Foley of Folio Books and Lori Blackburn and Charlotte Nagy of Charlie's Corner bookstore are on the Word Week literary festival committee, and several merchants sit on the board of the Noe Valley Association, 24th Street's community benefit district.

There are some really creative contributions, too, like the hula dancers presented by Just for Fun—not to mention the reindeer in December. DavidsTea lugs containers of complimentary tea to stops on the Noe Valley Garden Tour each year. Pekkain at Olive This Olive That offers olive oil tastings and other events at the store. Terra Mia Ceramics Studio on Castro Street conducts food drives during the year.

Part of Doing Business

Most businesses have no idea whether what they do increases sales or adds new customers, nor do they seem to care.

"I've never tried to figure it out, frankly," says Eiland.

"It's not important," Demopolis flatly states. "It's our philosophy to give back."

It's not always easy for businesses to give back, however, especially when sales are slow.

"It gets to be a stretch, frankly," according to Sheehan-Meyer, but she also says Noe Valley merchants continue helping out because, "That's the kind of people we are."

Roddick adds, "The whole thrust is partnership, working together."

Some business owners say customers thank them. Some say no. Not all contributions are obvious, and the businesses don't necessarily hang signs telling of their good deeds.

But take a walk down our commercial streets and look in any business. Odds are they have helped out the community in some voluntary way. Maybe walk in and say, "Thank you for all you do for Noe Valley." Hugs would be optional. ■

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The Cost of Living in Noe

Luxury Homes Slower to Sell

By Corrie M. Anders

Shoppers purchased seven single-family homes in Noe Valley in September—the same number as in September 2015.

Buyers also picked up keys to 12 condominiums, one more than in the same month last year, according to sales data supplied to the *Noe Valley Voice* by Zephyr Real Estate.

But real estate activity in the neighborhood continued to slow, as buyers sidestepped the poshest properties to seek out more modest homes and condominiums.

“The luxury end of the market has slowed a bit, more dramatically than the rest of the marketplace,” said Zephyr president Randall Kostick. “Only a few people can afford \$5 million homes.”

Not a single Noe Valley home sold in September for more than \$3 million—even though buyers had plenty of high-



Buyers in September paid \$2.8 million for this remodeled single-family home on 29th Street. The hillside dwelling featured three bedrooms, 3.5 baths, a chef’s kitchen, and a great room opening on to a patio and garden.

end choices, said Kostick. He noted that Noe Valley’s inventory of single-family homes on Oct. 1 included 10 houses with price tags topping \$3 million. Eight of them cost \$4 million or above.

Kostick also provided fresh evidence that today’s market is a far cry from that of late summer 2015, when prices peaked

after three years of steady growth.

For one thing, he said, the median sales price of Noe Valley homes has declined 17.5 percent in the past year. After reaching nearly \$2 million in September of 2015, the median slid to \$1.65 million this September.

The data also shows houses are taking longer to sell. In September 2015, buyers saw their offers accepted in 13 days. This September, they waited 22 days on average.

At the same time, there are more homes available for sale. In 2013 and 2014, inventory in Noe Valley was extremely low. Today, the supply “is as high as it’s been over the last three or four years,” said Kostick.

In summary, he said, “As inventory rises, days on market increase, and median sales prices come down a little bit, the natural supply-and-demand effect is for the market to calm down a bit.”

Despite the slow activity, demand for

residential real estate in Noe Valley remains strong, Kostick said. In September, shoppers offered to pay sellers an average 9 percent more than their asking price. For condos, the bonus was 13 percent.

Noe Valley’s most expensive sale during the month was a three-bedroom, 3.5-bath house in the 600 block of 29th Street between Castro and Diamond streets. The hillside home had been remodeled in a contemporary style and embellished with a vaulted ceiling, gourmet kitchen, and a great room leading to a landscaped patio and garden. It took 18 days for the buyer to make an offer of \$2.8 million—\$300,000 over the asking price.

Buyers paid \$1,995,000 for a three-bedroom, 2.5-bath condominium in the 100 block of Ames Alley between 22nd and 23rd streets, also known as “Baja Noe.” The modern townhouse, built in 2010, featured radiant heat, a European-style kitchen, four outdoor areas, an office, and a private garage, all in 1,986 square feet of living space.



The modern Euro-style amenities in this four-story townhouse on Ames Alley proved irresistible to a September buyer, who paid \$1,995,000 for the three-bedroom, 2.5-bath condominium.

Photos by Corrie M. Anders

Noe Valley Home Sales*

Total Sales	No.	Low Price (\$)	High Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	Avg. Days on Market	Sale Price as % of List Price
Single-family homes						
September 2016	7	\$1,600,000	\$2,800,000	\$2,058,429	22	109%
August 2016	8	\$1,588,000	\$4,100,000	\$2,668,500	33	101%
September 2015	7	\$1,400,000	\$2,750,000	\$2,212,857	13	122%
Condominiums						
September 2016	12	\$1,076,936	\$1,995,000	\$1,516,072	24	113%
August 2016	6	\$750,000	\$1,838,000	\$1,217,167	34	107%
September 2015	11	\$595,000	\$2,250,000	\$1,303,909	32	109%
2- to 4-unit buildings						
September 2016	1	\$1,260,000	\$1,260,000	\$1,260,000	9	105%
August 2016	3	\$1,680,000	\$2,350,000	\$1,964,333	79	100%
September 2015	6	\$1,075,000	\$3,300,000	\$1,855,000	58	113%
5+-unit buildings						
September 2016	0	0	0	0	0	0
August 2016	2	\$2,025,000	\$2,550,000	\$2,287,500	55	108%
September 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Survey includes all Noe Valley home sales completed during the month. Noe Valley for purposes of this survey is loosely defined as the area bordered by Grand View, 22nd, Guerrero, and 30th streets. The Voice thanks Zephyr Real Estate (zephyrre.com) for providing sales data. NVV11/2016

Noe Valley Rents**

Unit	No. in Sample	Range October 2016	Average October 2016	Average September 2016	Average October 2015
Studio	4	\$1,500 - \$2,395	\$1,948 / mo.	\$2,448 / mo.	\$2,430 / mo.
1-bdrm	33	\$2,450 - \$5,999	\$3,489 / mo.	\$3,343 / mo.	\$3,117 / mo.
2-bdrm	44	\$3,150 - \$6,500	\$4,315 / mo.	\$4,713 / mo.	\$4,742 / mo.
3-bdrm	24	\$3,750 - \$19,900	\$7,053 / mo.	\$9,622 / mo.	\$6,435 / mo.
4+-bdrm	7	\$6,999 - \$16,500	\$10,697 / mo.	\$11,065 / mo.	\$9,867 / mo.

** This survey is based on a sample of 112 Noe Valley apartment listings appearing on Craigslist.org from Oct. 1 to 8, 2016. NVV11/2016



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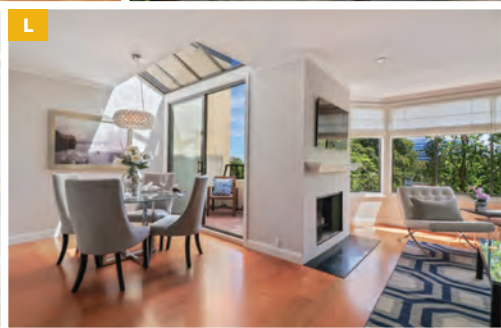


Noe Valley Kids

Meet young Ysee de Rouvray Bruck, an angel visiting the children's area of the newly minted Noe Valley Town Square.

While carrying her baby in a snugly made just her size, she pulled out her phone and offered it to our photographer. You read it here first: the flip phone is making a comeback!

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Turn on the Holidays

Noe Valley has had a menorah lighting for Hanukkah for several years but no official Christmas tree lighting to launch Christmas. That is about to change.

Dani Sheehan-Meyer and Fred Meyer of Cliché Noe Gifts + Home will hoist a 12- to 14-foot tree from the Graton Fire Department tree farm in Sonoma County onto the roof of their store at 4175 24th St. They'll decorate it with ornaments and lights, and flip the switch at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. The tree stays on the roof and lit "24-7 until January 2," says Dani Sheehan-Meyer.

At the lighting, the St. Philip's Church Children's Choir will sing, free food and drink will be served, and kids young and old can write their letters to Santa—table, paper, pen, and mailbox provided by Cliché Noe. An obliging giant, Mr. Nutcracker, will be on hand for holiday selfies. If you hear sirens, that would be the San Francisco Fire Department delivering the firefighters' toy collection barrel in an antique fire engine.

Sheehan-Meyer wants to make Turn on the Holidays an annual event "as a giveback to the community." Each year's tree will be recycled in the San Francisco Christmas tree recycling program. For information on that, go to sfenvironment.org.

By the way, the menorah lighting is still on—or will be Dec. 24, the first night of Hanukkah this Gregorian year of 2016 (5777 in the Jewish calendar).



The Here We Are! Noe Valley Artists show running Nov. 7 to Dec. 2 at Gallery Sanchez in the Noe Valley Ministry will include Chandler Lee's 2015 photograph *Patterns, Pagan, Burma*. A reception for the artists will be held Nov. 20, noon to 2 p.m.

Free Music, Food, and Wine

Upper Noe Neighbors and PlumpJack Wine & Spirits are performing a great public service by offering us all free drinks post Election Day with the launch of the Upper Noe Wine Club, Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5 to 8 p.m., at VIP Scrub Club, 1734 Church St., near Day Street.

PlumpJack will pour free samples from future club offerings. There will also be free beer, water, dog treats, and people snacks. Music will be provided by the Promise Kings, with keyboard by Christopher James Walker and vocals by Roberto Ortiz. (Walker's day job is at VIP Scrub Club.)

The music will continue if you bring your guitar, ukulele, flute, etc., and take a turn at the Open Musical Mic.

UNN President Marianne Hampton hopes people will renew their membership in the group or join the Neighbors at

the party. Membership is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. You can also learn more about and sign up for the Upper Noe Wine Club at the event.

Art Exhibit at Gallery Sanchez

Our neighborhood is chock full of artists. You can see the work of some of them at Here We Are!, the second annual Noe Valley artists exhibit at Gallery Sanchez. Gallery director Kit Cameron says "about 20 works by local artists will be on display and some will be for sale."

The exhibit will be available for viewing from Nov. 7 to Dec. 2, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The public is also invited to the opening reception Sunday, Nov. 20, from noon to 2 p.m.

To visit at other times, email Cameron at kit_cameron@icloud.com or call the Noe Valley Ministry at 415-282-2317. Gallery Sanchez is located in the sanctuary of the Ministry, on the second floor, at 1021 Sanchez St. It is ADA accessible.

Happy Birthday, Bookstores!

Our three neighborhood bookstores are all celebrating birthdays in November. Omnivore Books on Food will be eight, Folio Books is three, and Charlie's Corner turns one year old. Better yet, Folio Books and Charlie's Corner are hosting birthday parties and you're invited.

Folio Books whoops it up all day Friday, Nov. 4, with cupcakes, freebies, and 20 percent off all books and other products available at the store. Charlie's Corner celebrates a week later, on Friday, Nov. 11, with not one but four parties. Join them for cake, birthday-themed story times, and dancing at 10 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.

Folio Books is located at 3957 24th St., Charlie's Corner is on the northwest corner of 24th and Castro streets, and Omnivore Books on Food is at 3885A Cesar Chavez St., near Church Street. Find out what else is happening in November at charliescorner.com, foliosf.com, and omnivorebooks.com, or check out the *Voice* Calendar on pages 28-29.

Recycled and Handmade Gifts

Bethany United Methodist Church is holding its third annual Holiday Fair Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the church sanctuary at the corner of Sanchez and Clipper streets. Local artisans and artists will offer gift ideas for your shopping perusal. Gift wrapping will be available, for a small fee.

Among the unique items for sale are gloves and neck warmers made from recycled cashmere; wearable art constructed from natural crystals, glass, and stone; bowls crocheted from scrap fabric; handmade stationery, scarves, and tote bags; and bicycle tires repurposed into jewelry. In addition, drawings will be held for a quilt made by the Temple United Methodist Quilters and for goods donated by local businesses.

After all that, you may need lunch. Church members are barbecuing, and the suggested donation is \$5. There will be a bake sale, too.

Gloria Soliz, co-chair of the event, advises you to bring cash, although individual vendors may accept checks or take credit or debit cards. You can register as a vendor for just \$10. Contact Soliz at bethanysoffice@gmail.com. The church is located at 1270 Sanchez St.

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Donate Toys for Kids

The San Francisco Fire Fighters Toy Program has collected and distributed toys to needy children since 1949. This year, two Noe Valley merchants are once again helping them collect toys, Just for Fun and Cliché Noe Gifts + Home. Both stores will set out the familiar collection barrels in November and transport toys to local fire stations all the way up to Christmas Eve.

You'll find the barrel at Just for Fun, 3982 24th St., starting Nov. 1. Last year, co-owner David Eiland says, "we delivered over 20 barrels full of toys. We hope to double that this year!" The store is offering a 20 percent discount on toys purchased for the firefighters' drive.

Cliché Noe's barrel (at 4175 24th) will be available as of Nov. 21. Both stores will of course accept toys bought at other locations.

Toy suggestions from the Fire Department include sports equipment, arts and crafts materials, dolls of all nationalities and ethnicities, stuffed animals, iPods, books, video games, toy trucks, and baby items like blankets, bottles, and rattles, for example. Gifts are especially needed for infants and older girls.

Toy program organizers advise that gift cards are good ideas for older children so they can choose their own gift. They should be mailed directly to the San Francisco Fire Fighters Toy Program, 1139 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Beer, Be a Hero, and Boogie

Alvarado, Fairmount, and St. Paul's School are all having fundraisers in November. Have a beer, be a hero, or boogie on down for three of our neighborhood schools.

The Fourth Great Alvarado Beer Festival is Saturday, Nov. 5, 7 to 11 p.m., at a Noe Valley private home. You'll see the address when you buy your ticket on Eventbrite.

The advance price is \$75, \$80 at the door, but \$85 earns you VIP status and "access to special beers and other perks," according to organizer David Prince. Everyone will receive a souvenir glass from which to drink micro- and home-brewed brewskis.

Proceeds benefit technology at Alvarado Elementary on Douglass Street. Child care (including dinner) is also available. See tinyurl.com/AlvaradoBeer.

fest to learn more and buy tickets.

Meanwhile, Fairmount Elementary on Chenery Street is conducting its annual Be a Hero campaign—"our biggest fundraiser," according to the school. The drive hopes to raise \$75,000 by Dec. 1. The money will pay for librarians, activities coordinators, teacher support, Education Outside science classes, books, and craft and art supplies. You can donate at wearefairmount.com.

St. Paul's School on Church Street in Upper Noe is co-hosting "Puttin' on the Ritz," its annual dinner-dance-raffle, with neighboring St. Paul's Church. Patio Espagnol subs as the Ritz for the occasion, Saturday, Nov. 19. Come for the silent auction and drinks from 6 to 8 p.m., and dinner, dancing, and live auction bidding from 8 p.m. on. NorCal DJs—and brothers—Chuy and Hugo Gomez will provide music for all ages from all recent decades, according to organizer Anne Crawford. Tickets from \$70 up are available at the school's website, stpaulschools.org, and at stpaulsf.org.

Ballet at Family Concerts

The San Francisco Chamber Orchestra starts its new season of family concerts in Noe Valley with "Move to the Music," in cooperation with the San Francisco Ballet School, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m., at the Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez St.

The audience is invited not only to watch the talented young dancers from the school perform but to learn a few steps themselves, while the chamber orchestra plays classical ballet background music.

Admission is free but first-come, first-served. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.thesfco.org.

Open a Library, Open Minds

Thomas Edison Charter Academy, a K-8 elementary school on 22nd Street in Noe Valley, is opening a library and needs books.

Mary Anne McDonough, communications coordinator at the school, says TECA would "love all age-appropriate books for kindergarten through eighth grade."

Books can be donated at the school office, 3521 22nd St., between Chattanooga and Dolores streets, during school hours, 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m., except Wednesday, when the school day ends at 1 p.m. Checks are welcome as well.

TECA also has a list of books for the library requested by its teaching staff. For more information, call the school at 415-970-3330.

Short Takes are compiled and written by Richard May.

Artists Open Their Doors for No. 41

Art lovers and collectors will get a chance to view the works of nearly a dozen Noe Valley artists in early November during the final week of the 41st annual SF Open Studios.

The artists will host visitors to their homes and studios on Saturday, Nov. 5, and Sunday, Nov. 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Artists in nearby Glen Park, the Castro, Mission, Bernal Heights, and Upper Market also will put their talents on display that weekend.

Participating artists in Noe Valley include:

- Jenny Badger, painting, 1696 Sanchez St.
- Joe Camhi, painting, 3820 21st St.
- Dennis Gardner, painting, 3983 24th St.
- Sylvie Guillot, painting, 1506 Church St.
- Lola Herrera, painting, mixed media, 1250 Sanchez St.
- Judith Leash, painting, 475 Douglass St.
- Jack Mattingly, mixed media, 642 Alvarado St.
- Dan McHale, painting, 220 Vicksburg St.
- Gail Siegel, mixed media, 1275 Noe St., #1
- Henry Sultan, painting, 1696 Sanchez St.
- Augusta Talbot, mixed media, 1055 Church St.

Clothing designer Lola Herrera is excited about showing her colorful



Artist Lola Herrera will have dozens of paintings, as well as her unique clothing designs, on display in her Sanchez Street studio for SF Open Studios Nov. 5-6.

Photo by Sally Smith

textile art, hand-stitched leather bags, and large collection of figurative paintings, ranging in price from \$125 to \$650. "I'm going to bring out a lot of the paintings I have stored in the back" of her studio on Sanchez Street.

Gail Siegel, who lives nearby on Noe Street, notes she'll offer hand-made jewelry, baskets, and sculpture, among other mixed-media art.

SF Open Studios, sponsored by the nonprofit ArtSpan, is a free event that showcases works by emerging and established artists in the city. For more information, visit www.artspan.org.

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STORE TREK

Store Trek is a regular Noe Valley Voice column profiling new stores and businesses in Noe Valley. This month we feature a hair salon whose owners have deep roots in the neighborhood.

DAMIA SALON

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Former roommates Courtney Wagle and Damian Sargent always dreamed of opening their own hair salon one day.

The two once worked together at Hair Play when it was located at 29th and Dolores. (It's since relocated to Hayes Valley.) In 2009 Wagle opened her own place in downtown San Francisco called Damia Salon.

And in 2012 Sargent opened the doors to his own place, Sargent Studio, in Noe Valley on Church Street near Eric's Restaurant.

With both their leases up on Oct. 31, 2014, and Sargent's landlord offering him the chance to expand into an adjacent space that had housed a small garden shop, the longtime friends were finally able to join forces and become co-owners together.

Nov. 1 marked their second anniversary overseeing Damia Salon, which now employs a total of eight stylists and two associate stylists. Six of the stylists all previously worked at Hair Play.

"We have been super successful since the expansion," said Sargent, 44, who



Co-owners Courtney Wagle and Damian Sargent cultivate a fun atmosphere in their "retro chic" salon, located in the former home of Independent Nature.

Photo by Pamela Gerard

lives in the Lower Haight but grew up in Noe Valley and was an altar boy at St. Paul's Church mere blocks from the salon.

Wagle, 40, who grew up in Livermore, said the secret to their business success is their conviviality with each other and their customers.

"We just keep it a fun atmosphere," she said. "We smile at everyone who walks by and everyone who comes in the door."

Added Sargent, "We are always giggling. We give you a boutique salon experience in the middle of Noe Valley, and it is a great, friendly experience."

They both knew from an early age that they wanted to become hair stylists, with Sargent noting in his profile on the salon's website that he "practically grew up in a

styling chair."

He told the *Noe Valley Voice* during a recent joint interview with Wagle at their salon that his career choice just made sense, as it allows him to have "a connection with people, be artistic, and be successful."

Wagle knew she wanted to go into the industry as early as junior high when she would do her best friend's hair in her kitchen. In high school she worked at a local salon to earn credit toward graduating.

"I fell into it," said Wagle, who recently moved out of the Mission after buying her grandparents' Hayward home.

Men, women, and children are all welcome at Damia Salon, though the pricing for a haircut differs based on a client's

age, gender, type of cut, and the stylist they see. Haircuts for men range in cost from \$45 to \$85, while the price for women varies from \$53 to \$120. For children 10 years of age and younger, the cost is \$35 and up.

Additional styling needs are priced separately, such as coloring (\$75 and up), braids (\$45-\$95 and up), and hair extensions (\$800 and up). The salon uses hair-care products from Kevin Murphy, as the brand is sulphate free, paraben free, and cruelty free to animals.

Wagle described the interior décor as "boho eclectic," featuring faux rattan chairs at the 12 styling stations and retro chic lighting fixtures. Her father built all of the furniture.

Sargent and Wagle spent a year working seven days a week on the build-out of the salon. As customers enter on the left side of the salon, they are greeted by a receptionist and can browse a small retail area. The former entrance to the garden shop is now the salon's waiting area in the right front section. They kept in place an old garage door there that can be rolled open on warm days.

"We did everything ourselves. I handed him the boards and Damian put all the flooring down. And I hung all the wallpaper," said Wagle. "We ran out of money, so we are just now revamping the waiting and retail areas."

Damia is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Appointments with one of the stylists can be made online via the salon's website. Wait times vary based on each stylist's availability, with evenings and weekends the busiest times.

—Matthew S. Bajko

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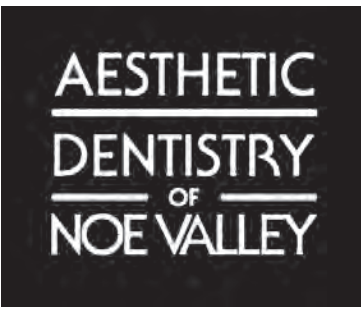


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Once Upon a Time in Noe Valley. Rain was often a common phenomenon and special footwear was required as this photo from 1998 shows. Photo by Najib Joe Hakim



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Comerford Alley

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Ted Weinstein is a literary agent (twliterary.com) who has lived in Noe Valley for about 20 years. “Photography is just an avocation, a fun way to keep looking closely at San Francisco and not let familiarity get the best of me,” Ted says.

“ I’ve been wandering through Comerford Alley for years, but usually in a hurry to get somewhere else. One day I started to really look at the alley. That’s when I noticed all the doorways and I took these photos.”

Comerford Alley runs from Sanchez to Church between 27th and Duncan streets.



On 24th Street

How are you voting Nov. 8? *(whether it be for a candidate, a proposition, or anything else you feel passionate about)*
Noe Valley Voice reporters Olivia Starr and Nick Kaliss took an election poll on Saturday morning, Oct. 8, 2016, in front of Chase Bank on the corner of 24th and Noe streets. Here are the opinions they gathered.



Beth Toland, 22nd and Diamond: Democrat and Hillary. Because I supported her the first time that she ran. I support her perspective on women and on family care and yeah I strongly support her, and it's not just because she has Trump running against her.



Jennifer Katz, Bernal Heights: I'd be hard pressed to say anything but Hillary Clinton. I am voting for her because the other choice sounds demonic to me, and I have a young daughter, and I think it's the best thing for the country.



Davis Dubose-Marler, Castro Street: Definitely Hillary, especially after the stuff said yesterday about women. [Trump is] digging his own grave really.



Richard Collins, Castro Street: I'm actually not registered... because I'm not a citizen of the U.S. [If I were] I would be voting for Clinton. I'm not a huge fan of Clinton, but I just think Trump is going to be a very dangerous president, basically a loose cannon. Plus, I'm pro-diversity, and clearly he's not pro-diversity.



Pattie Gerrie, 26th Street: Hillary. I hate Trump. Nobody in Noe Valley can live here and vote for Trump. [Gestures to companion.] *You're* voting for Hillary. [Gestures to dog.] And *she's* voting for Hillary.



Cory Sanderson, 24th Street: I will be voting for Hillary Clinton. That's all I know yet. I'll be using KQED/elections so I learn all the basics about the propositions. With 17 propositions, it's going to take me probably two or three hours to vote, which is why I do it absentee. She's the most qualified candidate for president in probably the last 50 years, at least as far back as my memory goes, my parents' memories go. She's a strong leader. I think she's something of a hawk on foreign policy, which is unusual for a Democrat. So she's had my support actually since she and Obama were running together.



Erin, Hyde Street: Hillary Clinton. Because Donald Trump is a psychotic maniac.



Emilio, Market Street: I'm voting for the so-called "Soda Tax" because I think it is a way to discourage people from choosing sugary drinks and instead choose alternatives. I'm voting for Hillary Clinton. A lot of people are focusing on the debates right now, but I'm not an undecided voter. I decided a long time ago that I was going to vote for her.
I think just the experience she has, the fact that she has been in the Senate, she has been in a cabinet position as secretary of state, and the fact that she does have the network, the contacts. That's one of the issues she seems to have in the media right now, [but] I've always liked her.



Vicki, Winfield Street: I'm going to vote for Hillary. So yeah, why I'm voting for Hillary? Well, I've always liked Hillary. I've always thought she would make a good president. I've always thought that she's done a lot for the working class. She's done a lot for children, she's done a lot for a number of issues I feel for... She's a little older than me but nevertheless I think her experiences really resonate with me and some of the challenges she's had. And that said, the idea of a Trump presidency just scares the shit out of me, so that would probably be the reason.



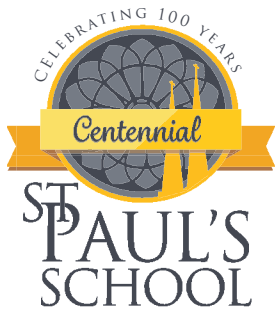
Jeff Faulkner, 22nd Street: I just moved here from Washington, D.C., so while I have real strong anti-Trump pro-Hillary leanings, I don't know that much about local politics yet, so we're still trying to educate ourselves. I've been watching [Clinton] for the last 20-30 years, and have always been super impressed by her and how she's maintained, even though she's been attacked by different factions of the right brutally and unfairly. She's held her own and remained a very strong person. And I think she's good for the country. I have three daughters, so electing a woman seems long overdue, and she's the perfect first woman.



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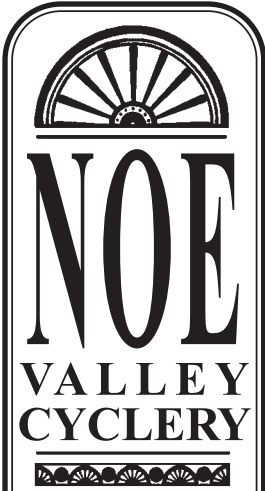
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Upper Noe Rec Center’s Newest Indoor Sport

Upper Noe Recreation Center has a juicy new offering: pickleball. All ages and skill levels are invited to come play for free on Thursdays, 1 to 3 p.m., from now through December. According to rec center staff, pickleball is a paddle sport that is quickly growing in popularity. It combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong, and has simple rules that are easy to learn. The game can be played almost anywhere. Games at Upper Noe are held in the gym, where four nets can be made available for setup.

There are also other free activities at the park this winter, including Drop-in Volleyball on Wednesday and Friday nights, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and Zumba dance on Thursday and Saturday mornings, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., as well as Thursday nights, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

In addition, you can volunteer in the garden or help to plan events. To find out more information, call facilities coordinator Cheryl Woltjen at 415-970-8061, or go to www.noevalleyreccenter.com. You can also just drop in to the rec center office at 295 Day St., open Tuesday through Saturday.

UPPER NOE REC CENTER FALL SESSION, AUG. 23 - DEC. 17, 2016

MONDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

Open Gym	12-3:30, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	1-3:30 p.m.*
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Simply Fun 2 (formerly 1,2,3 Ready) (age 10m-4yrs)	10-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register	10:15-11:15 a.m.
Movin’ & Groovin’ (age 2-4)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
QuickStart Tennis (age 8-13)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Youth Soccer (age at least 5 but less than 6)	4-5 p.m.
Youth Soccer (age 9-12)	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tennis Intermediate/Advanced (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Yoga-Vinaya (18+ all levels)	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Boot Camp (18+)	7:45-8:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym	12-3 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	3:30-5:30 p.m.*
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Baby & Me (age 1-3) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m.
Pilates beginner (18+)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Qi Gong for Seniors (55+)	1-3 p.m.
Coed Flag Football-Pee-Wee Division (age 8-10)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Coed Flag Football-Senior Division (age 11-13)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Volleyball-Girls in Sports-Beginner (age 7-8)	4-5:30 p.m.
Tennis beg/intermediate (18+)	6-7 p.m.
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym	12-3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	None
Simply Fun 2 (formerly 1,2,3 Ready) (10m-4yrs)	10-11:30 a.m.
Petite Bakers (age 3-6) Drop in or register	10:15-11:15 a.m.
Movin’ & Groovin’ (age 2-4)	11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Zumba (family) with Jamie Hopper; drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE
Pickleball (all ages)	1-3 p.m. FREE
Argentine Tango, advanced (55+)	1-4 p.m. Drop-ins welcome. FREE
Beginning Archery (age 10+)	4-6 p.m.
Kid Theater-Mini Players (age 5-8)	4:30-5:30 p.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	5:30-6:30 p.m. FREE
Yoga-Gentle Hatha (18+)	6:45-7:45 p.m.

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

Open Gym	12-3 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	1-3 p.m.*
Baby & Me (age 1-3) Drop-in only	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates intermediate (18+)	9:30-10:30 a.m.
Pilates beginner (18+)	11:30 -12:30 a.m.
Youth Theater-So You Think You Can Act (age 7-10)	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Jiu-Jitsu (formerly Combat Athletics) (age 8-16)	4:30-6 p.m.
Volleyball-Girls in Sports-Int. (age 10-13)	4-5:30 p.m.
Karaoke for Adults (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Drop-in Volleyball (18+)	6:30-8:30 p.m. FREE

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

Open Gym	12-4:30 p.m.*
Auditorium Free Play	12-4:30 p.m.*
Yoga-Vinaya (18+ all levels)	9:15-10:15 a.m.
Rec-N-Tot Soccer (age 2-3)	10-11 a.m.
Zumba (family) Drop-in only	10:30-11:30 a.m. FREE
QuickStart Tennis (age 7-9)	1-2 p.m.

SUNDAY (Center closed; outside activities only)

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Nov. 1: Bascia Lassua leads a gentle CHAIR YOGA class at the Noe Valley Library. 10:30-11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 1-27: Voice photographer Najib Joe Hakim exhibits work from his "Home Away From Home: LITTLE PALESTINE by the Bay" series. Main Library, Jewett Gallery, 100 Larkin. 557-4277; sfpl.org.

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

Nov. 1-29: Charlie's Corner hosts FRENCH STORY TIME for kids, Mondays and Tuesdays, from 10 to 10:30 am. 4102 24th. charliescorner.com.

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

Nov. 1-30: Kenneth Leaf exhibits photographs in "Sutro Baths: Portraits from LANDS END." Reception Nov. 3, 6-8:30 pm. Spark Arts, 4229 18th. 887-2207; sparkarts.com.

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

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

Nov. 2: Lisa Q. Fetterman discusses Sous Vide at Home: The Modern Technique for Perfectly Cooked Meals at a BOOK LAUNCH PARTY catered by Nomiku. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 2: Tom Lutz introduces his book of TRAVEL TALES, Drinking Mare's Milk on the Roof of the World. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Nov. 2: The Noe Valley Library hosts a CRAFT WORKSHOP for adults to make a felt bird wall hanging; supplies provided. 7-8:30 pm. 451 Jersey. Sign up at 355-5707 or sfpl.org.

Nov. 2 & 16: Children ages 4 and up can read to a dog named Oliver at PUPPY DOG TALES. 7-8 pm. Eureka Valley Library, 1 Jose Sarria Court (16th & Market). 355-5616; sfpl.org.

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Nov. 2-30: Folio Books hosts STORYTIME for toddlers every Wednesday at 10 am. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Nov. 2-30: Chris Sequeira leads free senior QIGONG classes Wednesdays, 1 to 3 pm, at Upper Noe Rec Center, Day & Sanchez. 773-8185; livingtaichi@yahoo.com.

Nov. 2-30: The Castro FARMERS MARKET is open every Wednesdays, 4 to 8 pm, through mid-December. Noe at Market. pcfma.com.

Nov. 2-30: Holy Innocents Episcopal Church hosts Candlesong, a TAIZE-style service followed by a potluck on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Nov. 2-30: AL-ANON meets Wednesdays 8 to 9:30 pm at St. Philip's Church. 725 Diamond. 834-9940; al-anonsf.org.

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

Nov. 3: Author George Geary introduces L.A.'s Legendary Restaurants. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 3 & 10: Miss Catherine tells TODDLER TALES with books, rhymes, music, and movement. 10:15 & 11 am. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 3-20: Creativity Explored exhibits ARTWORK created by staff members. Reception Nov. 3, 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.

Nov. 3-24: Attend TRIVIA NIGHTS on Thursdays at the Dubliner, 3838 24th. 8 pm. 285-0674; brainstormer.com.



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Nov. 4: Folio Books celebrates its third anniversary in Noe Valley with giveaways, refreshments, and a 20% off sale. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

Nov. 4-25: 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.

Nov. 4-25: Chris Sequeira leads a Friday KARAOKE for Adults group at Upper Noe Rec Center. 6:30-8:30 pm. 295 Day.

Nov. 4-25: 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.

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

Nov. 5: Artists Leonard Breger and Beth Pewther host an OPEN HOUSE with tours, conversation, and tea and cookies the first Saturday of the month. 10 am-1 pm. 80 Bronte. 826-2952; artfools.com.

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

Nov. 5: Attorney J. Scott Weaver leads a free EVICTION WORKSHOP, with the SF Tenants Union. 1-2 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 5: Molly Yeh discusses Molly On the Range: RECIPES and Stories from an Unlikely Life on a Farm. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 5: The Noe Valley Farmers Market sponsors a TOWN SQUARE DANCE and pie-eating contest, from 4 to 7 pm. 3861 24th. 248-1332; noevalleyfarmersmarket.com.

Nov. 5: ELBO Room hosts a spoken word performance, "MUNI Diaries Live." 6-9 pm. 647 Valencia. 552-7788; elbo.com.

Nov. 5: The fourth Great Alvarado BEER FESTIVAL is held from 7 to 11 pm at a private home; for tickets, tinyurl.com/AlvaradoBeerfest.

Nov. 5 & 6: ArtSpan SF OPEN STUDIOS spotlights artists in Noe Valley, the Mission, Castro, Bernal Heights, Glen Park, and Upper Market. 11 am-6 pm. artspan.org.

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

Nov. 5-26: Upper Noe Rec Center offers free YOGA CLASSES Saturdays 9:15-10:15 am. Day & Sanchez. 970-8061; noevalleyreccenter.com.

Nov. 5-26: The "Meet the ANIMALS!" event at the Randall Museum features California wildlife. Saturdays, 11 am. Mission Art Center, 745 Treat. 695-5014.

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

Nov. 5-29: Meet under the rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza (Castro and Market) for a City Guides walking tour of the CASTRO. Sat., Sun. & Tues., 11 am. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 6: Simone Miller and Diane Sanfilippo discuss their books, PALEO Soups and Stews and Practical Paleo. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 6: The Grand Opening of ARTISANA SF includes live music, art, and refreshments. 4-7 pm. 3827 24th. 500-2257; artisanafunctionalart.com.

Nov. 6 & 20: SF City Guides leads a free WALKING TOUR of Noe Valley on first and third Sundays at 1:30-3:30 pm. Meet at the Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 6-27: Meet at the gold fire hydrant at 20th and Church at 11 am Sundays for a City Guides walking tour of the area around MISSION DOLORES. 557-4266; sfcityguides.org.

Nov. 7, 14, 21 & 28: 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.

Nov. 7-Dec. 2: GALLERY SANCHEZ in the Noe Valley Ministry exhibits the second annual neighborhood artists show, "Here We Are! Noe Valley Artists." Reception Nov. 20, noon-2 pm; weekdays, 9:30 am-1:30 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

Nov. 8: It's time to vote, and polls are open from 7 am to 8 pm. Department of Elections, 554-4375; sfgov.org/elections.

Nov. 8: Charlie's Corner celebrates ELECTION DAY with candidates Pete the Cat and Olivia the Pig at 10 am, noon, and 3 pm.. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

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11.2

WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

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11.4

ALL DAY

Happy Birthday, Folio Books!

Join us all day Friday as we turn three years old! We'll be offering 20% off of all books and sidelines, plus giveaways and cupcakes.

11.10

THURSDAY AT 7PM

Panic on the Pacific

Bill Yenne

Life in the West after the attack on Pearl Harbor was one of paranoia and fear. Join Bill Yenne, as he presents about the myths and realities of WWII panic on the West Coast.

11.15

TUESDAY AT 6PM

NaNoWriMo Meetup and Write-in

Come have a glass of wine on us, and meet fellow NaNoWriMo writers to share your progress and writing tips at this halfway mark.

11.18

FRIDAY AT 6PM

Bookworms Craft Night

RSVP REQUIRED: tiny.cc/folioworms

This month's Bookworms will be a pre-holiday craft-athon! We'll be making decorations to use in our holiday window displays (and some to take home, too)!

11.21

MONDAY AT 7PM

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More information on upcoming Odd Mondays can be found on their website: oddmondays.com

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• CALENDAR •

Nov. 8: PFLAG's monthly meeting has moved to the Women's Building at 3543 18th, on the second Tuesday of the month, 7 to 9 pm. 921-8850; pflagsf.org.

Nov. 8-Dec. 3: SF WOMEN ARTISTS host "Nourish," a juried all-media exhibit. Reception Nov. 10, 5:30-8 pm; Tues.-Sat., 10 am-6 pm, Sun., noon-4 pm. 647 Irving. 566-8550.

Nov. 9: Upper Noe Neighbors and PlumpJack Wine & Spirits introduce the Upper Noe WINE CLUB with free samples, and snacks (and dog treats), at VIP Scrub Club. 5-8 pm. 1734 Church.

Nov. 9: The GREAT BOOKS Discussion Group meets from 6:15 to 8:15 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Elena at eschmid@sonic.net.

Nov. 9: Irvin Lin introduces Marbled, Swirled, and Layered: 150 Recipes and Variations for Artful Bars, COOKIES, Pies, Cakes, and More. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

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

Nov. 10: BILL YENNE reads from his latest book, Panic on the Pacific. 7 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. 821-3477.

Nov. 11: Charlie's Corner Bookstore celebrates its one-year BIRTHDAY with stories, cake, and dancing. 10 am, noon, 3 & 5 pm. 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Nov. 11: Voila hosts "FASHION FORWARD," showcasing local designers. 6-10 pm. 1431 Castro. 312-3468; info@voilasf.com.

Nov. 11-13: "The Hop," an original MUSICAL COMEDY, is written and directed by John Wilk, with musical direction by Scrumby Koldewyn. Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine Drive. 285-9540, ext. 3; staidansf.org.

Nov. 11-14: The Goddess HARVEST FESTIVAL at herchurch offers art, music, workshops, and celebrations. Fri., 7-19 pm; Sat. & Sun., 10 am-5 pm; Mon., 10 am-3 pm. 678 Portola,

Nov. 12: LADYBUG GARDENERS work on the Upper Noe Rec Center park grounds on the second Saturday of the month. 9 am-noon. Day & Sanchez. info@noevalleyreccenter.com.

Nov. 12: 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.

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

Nov. 12: Dorie Greenspan discusses Dorie's COOKIES. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 12: Indie-folk artist Monica Pasqual performs with her band the Handsome Brunettes. 8 pm. SF LIVE ARTS at St. Cyprian's, 2097 Turk. 454-5238; noevalleymusicseries.com.

Nov. 13: Shane Mitchell introduces Far Afield: Rare FOOD Encounters from Around the World. 3-4 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 13: Noe Valley CHAMBER MUSIC hosts a concert by the Friction Quartet. 4 pm; pre-concert talk by Kai Christiansen at 3:15 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. nvcm.org.

Nov. 15: MODERN TIMES BOOKSTORE is closing, on its 45th anniversary in the Mission. 2919 24th. 282-9246; mtbs.com.

Nov. 15: The Noe Valley Library offers an eREADER drop-in from 10:30 to 11:30 am. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 15: Folio Books hosts its first NaNoWriMo meetup and mixer for writers. 6 pm. 3957 24th. 821-3477; foliosf.com.

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

Nov. 16: An INDIAN COOKING class for kids ages 6 and up is led by the owners of A Little Yumminess. 3:45-5 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. Reserve at 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 16: Author and photographer Elaine Miller Bond introduces her new book Running Wild. 5 pm. Charlie's Corner Bookstore, 4102 24th. 641-1104; charliescorner.com.

Nov. 16: HERCHURCH offers a Women's Drumming Circle the third Wednesday of the month. 5:45-6:45 pm. 678 Portola.

Nov. 16: Take a candlelight LABYRINTH WALK at the Noe Valley Ministry from 6 to 7 pm. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

Nov. 16: The Noe Valley BOOK DISCUSSION Group reads Mr. Penumbra's 24 Hour Bookstore by Robin Sloan. 7-8:30 pm. Noe Valley Library, 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 16: LIVE MUSIC continues at the Valley Tavern on third Wednesdays. 7-9:30 pm. 4054 24th. 285-0674.

Nov. 17: 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.

Nov. 17: Ryan Scott discusses One to Five: One SHORTCUT RECIPE Transformed Into Five Easy Dishes. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 18: The Noe Valley Library screens the 2015 FILM Mad Max Thunder Road, starring Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron. 2-4 pm. 451 Jersey. 355-5707; sfpl.org.

Nov. 18: BOOKWORMS Club (ages 8 to 12) features a pre-holiday craft-athon. 6 pm. Folio Books, 3957 24th. RSVP required: 821-3477

http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bookworms-club-tickets-25485102628.

Nov. 18: GAMES NIGHT at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church welcomes all ages; pizza, cookies, and age-appropriate beverages served. 6-9 pm. 455 Fair Oaks. 824-5142.

Nov. 18-Dec. 31: Ruby's Clay Studio and Gallery hosts its annual HOLIDAY SHOW of sculpture and pottery. 10 am-7 pm. 552A Noe. 558-9819; rubysclaystudio.org.

Nov. 19: Bethany United Methodist Church holds the third annual BETHANY HOLIDAY FAIR, with local artists and crafters. 10 am-2 pm. 1270 Sanchez. 647-8393.

Nov. 19: The Noe Valley Pet Company offers free PET PHOTOS with Santa from 11 am to 3 pm. 1451 Church. 282-7385.

Nov. 19: The Glen Park Neighborhoods HISTORY PROJECT hosts a walking tour, "Sunnyside History Walk: The Early Days." Meet at 11 am. glenparkhistory@gmail.com.

Nov. 19: The SF Chamber Orchestra and the SF Ballet School offer a free FAMILY CONCERT, "Move to the Music." 2 pm. Noe Valley Ministry, 1021 Sanchez. 463-6710; thesfco.org.

Nov. 19: St. Paul's annual dinner dance, silent auction, and raffle, "Puttin' on the Ritz," is held at Patio Espagnol. 6 pm. 2850 Alemany. 587-5117; stpaulschools.org.

Nov. 20: The Noe Valley Ministry's Music for the Soul worship service features the Resound Ensemble CHAMBER CHORUS. 10:30 am. 1021 Sanchez. 282-2317; noevalleyministry.org.

Nov. 21: "Turn on the Holidays," a Christmas tree lighting celebration, begins at 5:30 pm at the tree on the roof of Cliché Noe; the St. Philip's Children's Choir will sing, and refreshments will be served. 4175 24th. 282-5416.

Nov. 21: ODD MONDAYS hosts a pre-Thanksgiving Potpourri of Writers,

including Dane Corvine, Andrew MacIntyre, John McFadden, Richard Sanderell, and Nicole Wong. 7 pm at Folio Books, 3957 24th. No-host supper, 5:30 pm, Haystack Pizza, 3881 24th (rsvp jlsender@webtv.net). Call 821-2090 to confirm; oddmondays.com.

Nov. 23: The RESILIENT Diamond Heights work group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month from 3:30 to 5 pm. St. Aidan's Church, 101 Gold Mine. 867-5774.

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

Nov. 29: Rebecca Katz introduces CLEAN SOUPS: Simple, Nourishing Recipes for Health and Vitality. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Nov. 29: Diane Donovan discusses relocated buildings in "San Francisco's Moving History" at the meeting of the SF HISTORY Association. 7 pm. St. Philip's Church, 725 Diamond. 750-9986; sanfranciscohistory.org.

Nov. 30: Jeffrey Yoskowitz and Liz Alpern discuss The Gefilte Manifesto: New Recipes for Old World JEWISH FOODS. 6:30-7:30 pm. Omnivore Books, 3885A Cesar Chavez. 282-4712; omnivorebooks.com.

Dec. 3: Volunteer at JURI COMMONS for a 9 am to noon-ish workday. The park cuts through the block bounded by Guerrero, San Jose Avenue, 25th, and 26th. Dave@schweisguth.org or meetup.com/Juri-Commoners.

Here Come the Holidays

The next *Noe Valley Voice* will be the **December 2016/January 2017** issue, distributed the first week of December. The deadline for items is Nov. 15. Please email calendar@noevalleyvoice.com or write Calendar, Noe Valley Voice, P.O. Box 460249, San Francisco, CA 94146. Events in Noe Valley receive priority. Thank you.



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SAT NOV 5	MOLLY YEH IN CONVERSATION WITH PHYLLIS GRANT • MOLLY ON THE RANGE: RECIPES AND STORIES FROM AN UNLIKELY LIFE ON A FARM • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
SUN NOV 6	SIMONE MILLER & DIANE SANFILIPPO • PALEO SOUPS AND STEWS AND PRACTICAL PALEO • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
MON NOV 7	MELISSA JOULWAN • WELL FED WEEKNIGHTS: COMPLETE PALEO MEALS IN 45 MINUTES OR LESS • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
WED NOV 9	IRVIN LIN • MARBLED, SWIRLED, AND LAYERED: 150 RECIPES AND VARIATIONS FOR ARTFUL BARS, COOKIES, PIES, CAKES, AND MORE • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
SAT NOV 12	DORIE GREENSPAN • DORIE'S COOKIES • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
SUN NOV 13	SHANE MITCHELL • FAR AFIELD: RARE FOOD ENCOUNTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE, WITH SANGRITAS AND SALSA VERDE!
THU NOV 17	RYAN SCOTT • ONE TO FIVE: ONE SHORTCUT RECIPE TRANSFORMED INTO FIVE EASY DISHES • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
SAT NOV 19	BRIAN KEYSER • COMPOSING THE CHEESE PLATE: RECIPES, PAIRINGS, AND PLATINGS FOR THE INVENTIVE CHEESE COURSE • 3:00-4:00 P.M. FREE
TUE NOV 29	REBECCA KATZ • CLEAN SOUPS: SIMPLE, NOURISHING RECIPES FOR HEALTH AND VITALITY • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE
WED NOV 30	JEFFREY YOSKOWITZ & LIZ ALPERN • THE GEFILTE MANIFESTO: NEW RECIPES FOR OLD WORLD JEWISH FOODS • 6:30-7:30 P.M. FREE

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Graffiti Removal, Tree Removal, Street Cleaning (DPW)		415-695-2017
Hazardous Waste Disposal / Free pickup mattresses, appliances		415-330-1300
Homeless Services Urgent care clinic		415-355-7400
Lost or Injured Animals Animal Care and Control		415-554-6364
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services	www.sfgov.org/mons	415-554-7111
NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams)		415-558-3456 or 415-970-2022
Parking Enforcement DPT Dispatch		415-553-1200
PG&E Gas or electrical issues		1-800-743-5000
Pothole Repairs	potholes@sfdpw.org	415-695-2100
Recycling		415-554-7329
Rent Board		415-252-4600
Parking Permits, Residential		415-503-2020
Sewer Problems, Overflows		415-695-2096
Tree Planting		415-554-6700
24th Street Community Benefit District (CBD)		415-519-0093
Utility Undergrounding (DPW)	undergrounding@sfgov.org	415-554-6167
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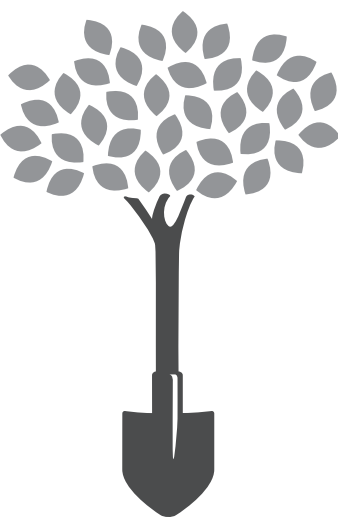


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CHILDREN’S EVENTS

Indian Cooking Class for Kids. Local cooking teachers Simran Singh and Stacie Dong, accompanied by Noe Valley librarian “Miss Catherine,” will lead a workshop of paratha, chutney, and raita making, for kids ages 6 and up. Call 415-355-5707 to reserve your child’s spot (max. 12 participants). Wednesday, Nov. 16, 3:45 to 5 p.m.

Toddler Tales: Join Miss Catherine for books, rhymes, and music geared for children ages 16 months through 2 years, with parent or caregiver. Thursdays, Nov. 3 and 10, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. and 11 to 11:30 a.m.

Reel-to-Reel Preschool Films: Children ages 3 to 5 with parent or caregiver are invited to the library’s short films program. Thursday, Nov. 17, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.; 11 to 11:30 a.m.

ADULT EVENTS

Chair Yoga: Bascia Lassus teaches a gentle, chair-based yoga class that is ideal for seniors and those who want to improve strength, reduce stress, and ease pain. Tuesday, Nov. 1, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Craft Class: Learn how to make a felt bird wall-hanging, with materials provided by the library. Space is limited, so call 415-355-5707 to register. Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

The Noe Valley Knitting Circle, for both new and experienced knitters, meets on the first Saturday of the month. The library has supplies to practice on, but bring your own yarn and needles if you’re working on a special project. Saturday, Nov. 5, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Eviction Workshop with San Francisco Tenants Union: Attorney J. Scott Weaver answers questions about eviction and homeowner and tenants rights at a free workshop. Saturday, Nov. 5, 1 to 2 p.m.

The Alternative and Augmentative Communication Club, sponsored with Support for Families of Children with Disabilities, meets to talk using smartphones or devices such as Dynavox, QuickTalker, Tobii Sono Flex, and Talk Bar. Mondays, Nov. 7, 14, 21, and 28, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Great Books Discussion Group: Discuss great works of literature at this book club sponsored by the non-profit Great Books Council of San Francisco. For information, contact Elena at eschmid@sonic.net. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

eReader and Online Resource Drop-In: Bring your mobile device or laptop, your library card and PIN, and your passwords to a drop-in workshop on using the SFPL’s library catalog, databases, and ebooks; Zinio for magazines; and Hoopla! for movies, music, and audiobooks. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Noe Valley Book Discussion Group: This month the neighborhood group is reading *Mr. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore*, a novel by Robin Sloan. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday Matinee: The Noe Valley Library screens *Mad Max Fury Road*, a reboot of the 1980s *Road Warrior* series. The 2015 film stars Tom Hardy and Charlize Theron. Friday, Nov. 18, 2 to 4 p.m.

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

MORE BOOKS TO READ

Autumn Leaves

Here’s a look at the latest arrivals at the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library, 451 Jersey St. Branch Manager Denise Sanderson and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr have picked out a variety of books, including a photographer’s memoir of a long friendship with Robin Williams, a novel about a poet who accidentally sold his wife to the devil, and a children’s reader on the importance of gravity

To check on the books’ availability—or on movies, magazines, and other library materials—call 415-355-5707, drop by the Noe Valley branch, or visit the San Francisco Library online at sfpl.org. Before you go, take note that the city’s libraries will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11, to honor Veterans Day, and Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for Thanksgiving.

Adult Fiction

• A writer discovers the story of her life has been told by a childhood friend in *Swear on This Life* by Renée Carlino.

• Set in Ceylon in the 1920s, *The Tea Planter’s Wife* by Dinah Jefferies is about a woman who discovers her new husband is hiding secrets.

• In *The Unseen World* by Liz Moore, a home-schooled prodigy goes on a mission to find out her father’s mysterious history.

• Michèle Audin’s debut work, *One Hundred Twenty-One Days*, traces the lives of French mathematicians, first by using a fairytale style, then that of a diary and newspaper articles, and finally with a list of numbers.

Adult Nonfiction

• In *Robin Williams: A Singular Portrait, 1986-2002*, photographer Arthur Grace reveals his close friendship with the late actor and comedian.

• *The Best Things in Life Are Free: The Ultimate Money-Saving Travel Guide*, by Isabel Albitston, is a Lonely Planet guide to finding bargains around the world.

• Melissa Shultz describes her life transition in *From Mom to Me Again: How I Survived My First Empty-Nest Year and Reinvented the Rest of My Life*.

• In *The Fix: How Nations Survive and Thrive in a World in Decline*, Jonathan Tepperman looks at how various countries have successfully solved problems and crises.

eBooks

• Mark Woods embarks on a journey of family memories in *Lassoing the Sun: A Year in America’s National Parks*.

• In *Nobody: Casualties of America’s War on the Vulnerable, From Ferguson to Flint and Beyond*, Marc Lamont Hill analyzes the plight of low-income Americans.

• Lara Vapnyar follows the lives of four

Russian immigrants in contemporary New York City in her novel titled *Still Here*.

• A famous poet inadvertently sells his wife to the devil, then tries to rescue her, in *The Gentleman* by Forrest Leo.

Children’s Fiction

• A little girl searches for her lost pet in *Where, Oh Where, Is Rosie’s Chick?*, by Kate Greenaway Medal winner Pat Hutchins. Ages 3 to 5.

• In *A Family Is a Family Is a Family*, written by Sara O’Leary and illustrated by Qin Leng, classmates describe the similarities and differences among their families. Ages 4 to 7.

• When Sophie won’t let her little brother help build a fort, he goes missing in *Looking for Winston*, the fourth book in *The Adventures of Sophie Mouse* series, written by Poppy Green and illustrated by Jennifer A. Bell. Ages 7 to 10.

• In *Full of Beans*, by Jennifer L. Holm, a boy in Key West during the Great Depression wrestles with the consequences of telling a lie. Ages 9 to 12.

• Wade Albert White’s debut novel *The Adventurer’s Guide to Successful Escapes* follows the epic quest of a 13-year-old girl from Saint Lupin’s Institute for Perpetually Wicked and Hideously Unattractive Children. Ages 10 to 14.

Children’s Nonfiction

• Many animals and insects have at one time or another been branded *The Deadliest Creature in the World*, in a fact-filled book written by Brenda Z. Guiberson and illustrated by Gennady Spirin. Ages 4 to 8.

• *You Wouldn’t Want to Live Without Gravity!*—by Anne Rooney, with illustrations by Mark Bergin—describes the many useful things gravity does for the inhabitants of Earth. Ages 8 to 12.

• Terri Farley’s *Wild at Heart: Mustangs and the Young People Fighting to Save*

Them, with photographs by Melissa Farlow, tells the true story of America’s imperiled wild horses. Ages 10-14.

DVDs

• In the 2014 documentary *Hockney*, director Randall Wright tours David Hockney’s studio and looks back on the British artist’s life in portraiture, Pop Art, and stage design.

• *Eat That Question: Frank Zappa in His Own Words* is a collection of interviews with musician Frank Zappa, including commentary by Steve Allen, Keith Moon, Soupy Sales, and Ringo Starr, among others.

• Stephen Spielberg’s 2015 Cold War thriller *Bridge of Spies* stars Tom Hanks as an American lawyer recruited to defend an arrested Soviet spy.

• In the 2016 romance *Me Before You*, a small-town girl’s life changes when she becomes caretaker for a man who’s been paralyzed.

Annotations by Voice bookworm Karol Barske

Fake-Bake Tandoori Chicken

This child-friendly Indian dish comes to us courtesy of cooking teachers Simran Singh and Stacie Dong, known for their popular blog *A Little Yumminess*. Singh and Dong will offer an Indian Cooking Workshop for Kids at the Noe Valley Library on Nov. 16 (see Children’s Events for details). The recipe serves “two adults and two kids.”

Ingredients

- 1 lb chicken breasts/thighs, cut into 1-inch cubes
- 3/4 cup yogurt (full/lowfat)
- 1 tbsp ginger, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp cumin powder
- 1 tsp coriander powder
- 1/2 tsp garam masala
- Pinch (or more) of red chili powder (optional)
- Pinch of red food coloring (optional)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Method: Marinate chicken in all the ingredients for at least 2 hours or overnight (longer is better). Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake for 30-35 minutes, and if you like it charred you can leave it under the broiler for 5-10 minutes. Serve on skewers if you desire (no need to bake on skewers—the skewers just make the chicken little-fingers-friendly). Tip: Marinate in a ziplock bag for easy cleanup, and line oven tray with foil.

BRANCH HOURS

Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch Library
451 Jersey St., 355-5707

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1-5	12-6	10-9	1-9	10-6	1-6	10-6

Mission Branch Library
300 Bartlett St., 355-2800

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1-5	1-6	10-9	10-9	10-9	1-6	10-6

Glen Park Branch Library
2825 Diamond St., 355-2858

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1-5	10-6	10-6	12-8	12-7	1-6	1-6

Eureka Valley–Harvey Milk Branch Library
1 José Sarria Ct. (3555 16th St.), 355-5616

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Noe Namesakes. The Sept. 17 celebration of the Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Library’s 100th birthday honored two very special guests. City Librarian Luis Herrera (left), Branch Manager Denise Sanderson (second from left), and Children’s Librarian Catherine Starr (right) welcomed Nancy Brunn and daughter Sabina to the festivities. Nancy’s parents, Sally and John Brunn, led the fight to save the library from closure in the 1980s.

Photo by Pamela Gerard



A Tiny Dancer Was Here. Our ballerina has likely continued barefoot. Photo by Pamela Gerard



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and now for the RUMORS behind the news

'Tis the Season

By Mazook

THE HOLIDAY WHIRL: Halloween is history, and Election Day, Nov. 8, will be soon (you will vote, right?). Then Armistice Day arrives to remind us what happened at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918. Then we all go for turkey (or tofurky) on the fourth Thursday of this month, giving thanks for the harvest and our blessings, and for a tradition that started with the Pilgrims in 1621 near a rock in Massachusetts.

And then the festivities get serious, starting off with Small Business Saturday on Nov. 26. Then come 24 HoliDAYS in Downtown Noe Valley, beginning Dec. 1, with doings every day till Christmas Eve, hayrides Dec. 3 and 10, and shopping on our Main Street to support our local small businesses.



A SQUARE IN THE TOWN: The big event of October happened, at least for me, at noon on Oct. 27, at the ribbon-cutting for the Noe Valley Town Square. The square was the culmination of a more than six-year vision by a group of activists and the collaborative efforts of many, many neighbors.

While there were dignitaries from the local, state, and federal governments present (who collectively provided over \$7 million), the scissors were handed to Leslie Crawford, champion of the Noe Valley Farmers Market; Peter Gabel, the unofficial mayor of Noe Valley; Todd David, who worked on raising over a half million dollars from local residents; and Supervisor Scott Wiener for all his efforts at City Hall. Many of us watched in awe, with tears in our eyes. Really! The 221st new park in our city. How cool is that?

The tears really welled up after the speeches and acknowledgments of the many people involved were over, when it came time for closing remarks from Leslie Crawford's 11-year-old daughter, Molly Fox, who was involved in the process practically from birth. "I want to thank my mom for being involved in bringing [us] this park, and how everybody helps to make it happen," she told us. For those of you who attended those countless meetings at the Noe Valley Farmers Market and Residents for Noe Valley Town Square, Molly is a familiar face. She said, "I first remember going to those meetings when I was about four years old."



ALLEMANDE LEFT: The Noe Valley Farmers Market, which has 22 vendors, moved into its new digs, so to speak, on Saturday, Oct. 29. What else will happen in the square, on other days (and nights), is up to you and me and park-goers everywhere.

But for openers, there's the Town Square Dance, brought to you by the Farmers Market (and friends) on Saturday, Nov. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the square's official address, 3861 24th St. Be there or be square—admission is free. The James Lick Middle School band will lead off, then there will be music by the Friction Quartet, a pie-eating contest, and square dance instruction. Then it's do-si-do till you drop.

One idea being tossed around is that the farmers market add a second day in the middle of the week.

"A lot of people have been suggesting that we do that, and it's certainly something that the board [of the NVFM] is aware of, but it is a big undertaking and [difficult] getting the vendors, who have other markets scheduled during the week," says board member Peter Gabel.

Gabel says plans are in the works to project movies on the Haystack Pizza mural wall "covered by a white sheet," and that the first movie is going to be *Modern Times*, a 1936 Charlie Chaplin masterpiece. The date

had not been set at press time, but Gabel says the board welcomes suggestions and volunteers to work on the event. Go to the market's Facebook page.

Also in the works, according to Gabel, are weekly meditation sessions in the square. He says the board might also invite a tai chi group to use the space on a regular basis.

It was nice to see longtime Noe Valleon and international rock writer (ever since the first days of *Rolling Stone* magazine and the movie *Almost Famous*) Ben Fong-Torres at the ribbon-cutting. Currently he is affiliated with a local rock band, Moonalice, which might be willing to play a benefit for the arts at the square. Sensitive to the neighbors and to decibel levels, Fong-Torres said, "Moonalice has a couple of side bands, including the Doobie Decibel System and a DDS duo, who can play acoustically. So, no problem."

That would be pretty cool, too.

You got any ideas? The park is for rent by San Francisco Rec and Park. Stage your own event. Get involved. The website is <http://sfrecpark.org/permits-and-reservations>.

By the way, if you've been wondering where to sit at the town square, wonder no more. The *Voice* just learned that the eight benches that will line either side of the plaza have been stuck in customs in L.A. and are expected to get to the square mid-November. That's a relief.



AU REVOIR ET BONJOUR: Le Zinc, the restaurant at 4063 24th St., has closed. The last supper was held Oct. 16, and then *tout fermé*, it was gone.

Le Zinc, named after the pewter bar covers in Parisian cafés, was opened in 2001 by Diana Barrand and Max Braud. The couple had moved to Noe Valley from Paris, where they owned a restaurant called Millelimes (Vintages) on the Left Bank in the St. Germain neighborhood.

As some of you know, Diana passed away last year, so things became much more difficult for Max. Braud notified the *Voice* by email in October that he was closing Le Zinc. He'd become "tired," he wrote. Many are sorry to see the place go and will miss the "briks" and café crèmes.

But the news at the end of the month was that another French restaurateur, Laurent Legendre, is buying the restaurant. The name Laurent may be familiar to those of you who go out to eat in Glen Park. Legendre owns and operates Le P'tit Laurent on Chenery Street, and has done so since 2007. He moved to San Francisco from Paris in 1998, after coming here on vacation.

Legendre says the new restaurant's menu "will be totally French." He has yet to take possession, he says, but plans to open as soon as he can. "I am looking forward to getting the kitchen open as soon as possible, and very excited to be in Noe Valley," says Legendre, "but it is very hard to estimate how quickly it can be done."

Legendre needs to apply for a change in ownership of the beer and wine license, and he has to get a new bar, since it (the antique bar) was the one thing that was removed when Braud left.

In other foodie news, Noe Valley Bakery is expanding into West Portal, having just taken over the spot vacated by Noah's Bagels (28 West Portal, near the tunnel) at the end of August.

"We have been looking in many San Francisco neighborhoods for the past year and a half to open up a second bakery, and finally got a great location in a great shopping district, and we appear to be the only bakery on the street," says Noe Valley Bakery owner Steve Gassen. "We plan to open in mid to late January."

Looks like this branch of the bakery will also be serving food to the 18 tables the West Portal space can accommodate, and Gassen says he has "hired a chef friend to consult, create, and manage the menu."

My suggestion is keep it simple: great breads, cakes, pastry, and coffee.



THE CRADLE OF THE SUN SET and moved from its space on the corner of 24th and Vicksburg at the end of last year to Ocean Avenue (near Junipero Serra), and the stained-glass business appears to be thriving



Whistle Stop: Kamala Harris (center), who's running for U.S. Senator, and Supervisor Scott Wiener, a candidate for California Senate (how'd you guess?), pose for photos at Noe Valley's restaurant after holding a press conference and endorsement party at the parklet in front of Just for Fun on Oct. 20. The day was so warm—near 80 degrees—that the crowd had to squeeze into the toy store and sound off among the Halloween decorations. Photo by Sally Smith

in its larger quarters.

But for the past year brown paper has been covering the windows of the Noe Valley storefront, which initially was offered for something like \$10,000 a month, when all the other expenses were added to the base rent.

Well, time has passed and a new real estate group has taken over the listing and reduced the expenses and finally has come up with an affordable rent and a unique approach to sharing commercial space.

Half of the space will be occupied by Olive This Olive That, which will be moving to 24th from its current space on Vicksburg below Caskhouse.

Store owner Janell Pekkain says she's delighted to be moving. She was reached by telephone in Tokyo, Japan, where she is attending an olive oil event (and will have returned by the time you read this). "Yes, and I am so excited about the news and to get back after this wonderful trip." Don't be surprised if Olive This Olive That is relocated by the end of this month.

The other half of the store will be occupied by The Swann Group, headed by Noe Valleon Rachel Swann. "I have teamed up with Ian Stallings, a well-known interior designer to offer retail [furnishings] and interior design services."

Swann will also stage her real estate business from the store and create a conference room, which she says will be available, for free, to community groups for meetings.

Swann adds that she has offered to be a "shelter space for those staging events at the Town Square," as kind of a "back stage" for performers. Wow, a "green room" for a green space!

When will this start? "We are hoping to open by Thanksgiving," says Swann. Good luck.



THAT'S NOETAINMENT: Video Wave, the oldest video store in the city, is now officially remaining at 4027 24th St., and Buttons Candy Bar has officially closed its candy business (ironically, on Halloween). So finally, Video Wave owners Gwen Sanderson and Colin Hutton have achieved their goal of keeping this valuable neighborhood resource alive and with all its discs spinning. Video Wave first opened in 1983 at 1431 Castro, then in September of last year started sharing the 24th Street space with Buttons.

"We were able to raise 85 percent of our \$10,000 goal, and felt confident in signing a lease and taking over the entire space," says Hutton, referring to the store's ongoing GoFundMe campaign. "We will have more browse-able space and we will be able to sell more treats like ice cream and boxed candy, and move our free popcorn up near the front of the store."

Updating the Noe Valley Gala for the Arts: Unfortunately, I could not attend the Oct. 27 event at the Noe Valley Ministry. However, I did find out about the gate. Gala co-organizer Chris Keene reports that 90

tickets were sold at \$250 each, which all of you math wizards know is \$22,500—a great success. He also reports that there were \$12,000 in donations, all of which have been earmarked for a new sound system in the upstairs sanctuary at the Ministry.

After the system is installed, the plan is to bring more music concerts and performing arts to the venue, which used to be famous for the Noe Valley Music Series produced by Larry Kassin. The concerts moved across town when the church closed for retrofitting six years ago. Hey, maybe singer Bobby McFerrin will return for an encore performance here.



SHORT SHRIFTS: One Stop Party Shop (Church and Valley) reports that the most popular grownup Halloween costumes this year were Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton. Who else? For the kids, it was *Star Wars* characters, with a lot of the girls going as Rey and boys as Kylo Ren....

So sorry to see that Modern Times Bookstore is closing its doors; they were at 17th and Sanchez and then on Valencia Street for many years before moving to 2919 24th St. Their last day, should there be no reprieve, is Nov. 15....

Have you noticed that the soup containers at Whole Foods have gotten smaller, like for example what used to be a 12 oz. container is now 10 oz. for the same \$3.99 price? Sneaky.



CONGRATS to Chocolate Covered and Jack Epstein for being *San Francisco Magazine's* 2016 Best Chocolate Shop. The online mag wrote that the store, at 4069 24th, has "the biggest giddiest chocolate collection in town," including "900-plus kinds of chocolate from 19 countries...."

Also on this and most other Best lists are La Ciccia (30th and Church), with kudos to Massimiliano Conti and his Sardinian wizardry; and Lovejoy's Tea Room (Church at Clipper) for its "cream teas" with scones and Devon cream and fruit.

And kudos to Dani Sheehan-Meyer of Cliché Noe gift store for being named Merchant of the Year in 2016 by the San Francisco District Council of Merchants Associations.

Congratulations also to NV filmmakers Linda and Tim Schaller, who in October won the Best Documentary Award at the Los Angeles World International Film Festival for their film *A Spark of Nerve*. The film is about the doctors who helped the Schallers' daughter Loren regain use of her arm after she'd been attacked by a deranged man in SF in 2007. Loren currently lives in L.A. and is doing well. She is a costume production assistant for the new NBC series *Timeless*.



THAT'S 30. Ciao for now, and let me be the first to wish you "Happy Holidays!" ■

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

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

Castro/Eureka Valley Neighborhood Association
Website: www.evna.org
Address: P.O. Box 14137, 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

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

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

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

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

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

MORE GROUPS TO JOIN

Friends of Billy Goat Hill
Contact: Lisa and Mo Ghotbi, 821-0122
Website: www.billygoathill.net

Friends of Dolores Park Playground
Contact: Nancy Gonzalez Madynski, 828-5772
Email: friendsofdolorespark@gmail.com
Website: www.friendsofdolorespark.org
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
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
Website: www.friendsofnoevalley.com
Meetings: Two or three annually; held at St. Philip's Church or James Lick School

Friends of the Noe Valley Recreation Center
Contact: Chris Faust
Email: info@noevalleyreccenter.com
Website: 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
Email: info@fundogsf.org
Website: www.fundogsf.org

Glen Park Association
Contact: info@glenparkassociation.org
Website: glenparkassociation.org
Address: P.O. Box 31292, SF, CA 94131

Juri Commoners
Contact: Dave Schweisguth, M17-6290
Email: dave@schweisguth.org
Website: www.meetup.com/Juri-Commoners
Meetings: Most last Saturdays, 9-noon. Check website.

Liberty Hill Neighborhood Association
Contact: Call 415-307-2359
Address: P.O. Box 192114, SF, CA 94119
Meetings: Quarterly. Call for details.

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

Noe Neighborhood Council (formerly Protect Noe's Charm)
Contact: Ozzie Rohm
Email: ozzierohm@sbcglobal.net
Address: 1101 Diamond St., SF, CA 94114
Website: NoeNeighborhoodCouncil.com
Meetings: See website.

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

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

Noe Valley Farmers' Market
Open Saturdays, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3861 24th St. between Vicksburg and Sanchez.
Contact: Leslie Crawford, 248-1332
Email: info@noevalleyfarmersmarket.com

Noe Valley Merchants and Professionals Association (NVMPA)
Contact: Robert Roddick, 641-8687

Meetings: Last Wednesdays, Old Republic, 4045A 24th St., 9 a.m. Call to confirm.
Website: www.NoeValleyMerchants.com

Progress Noe Valley
Contact: progressnoe@gmail.com
Website: progressnoe.com
Meetings announced via Facebook group. See website for details.

San Francisco NERT (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team)
Contact: Noe Valley NERT Neighborhood Team co-coordinators Maxine Fasulis, mfasulis@yahoo.com; Carole Roberts, carole_roberts@faludi.com
<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

Noe Valley Parents, San Francisco
Listserv contact: noevalleyparent-owner@yahoogroups.com. Subscribe: 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
Email: noevalleytownsquare@gmail.com
Website: www.noevalleytownsquare.com
Meetings: Call for details.

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

SafeCleanGreen Mission Dolores
Contact: Gideon Kramer, 861-2480
Email: safecleangreen@bigfoot.com
Website: www.safecleangreen.com

Upper Noe Neighbors
Contact: Marianne Hampton, 821-2150
Email: president@uppernoeneighbors.com
Meetings: Quarterly. Upper Noe Recreation Center, 295 Day St., 7:30 p.m. Call to confirm date and time.

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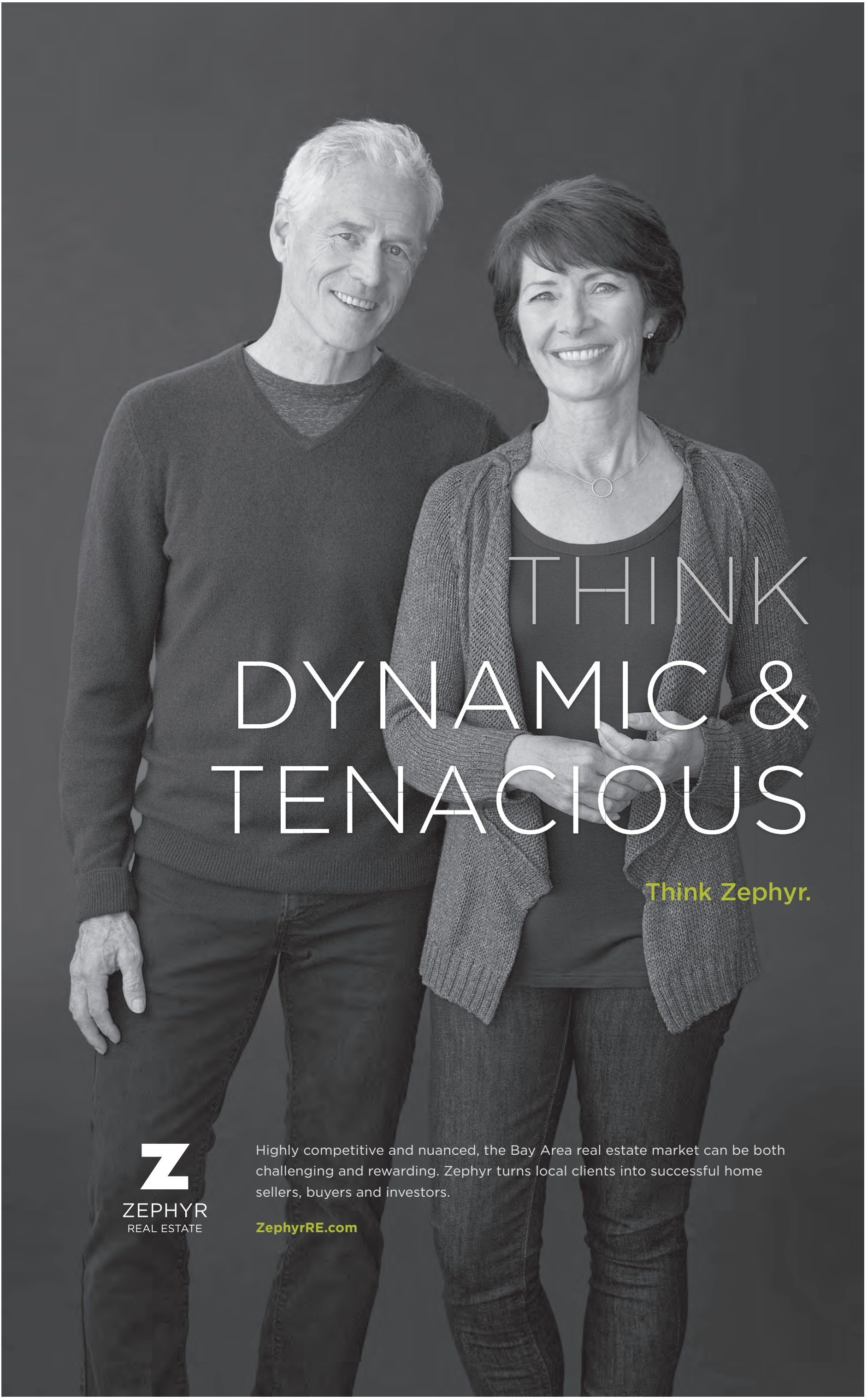


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