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Growing Community

CommunityGrows had a great summer with their LetUsGrow Summer Camp and Seed-to-Mouth Cooking Classes in Hayes Valley South Community Room. We want to especially thank KATE'S KITCHEN on Haight Street for treating our youth to breakfast everyday during camp. They were amazing! We also want to thank Luz Gomez, from Global Exchange, Markos Marjor (our garden educator) and Saewon Oh (our Cooking

teacher). A special thanks also to our teen counselor, Cleo Harris and Cooking helper, Daarina Lewis. Great job everyone!

We will be having a workday in Koshland Park and Garden on Saturday, September 19th from 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon. This workday is sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. We will also be having a Community Gardeners Meeting for all Koshland Gardeners at 12:00 noon on that day.

Octavia Parcels May Be Utilized Soon!

After positive reaction at our August meeting, we have urged the Mayor's office to move quickly on the issue of installing temporary uses on the freeway parcels adjacent to Patricia's Green and those where the former freeway touchdown ramps were located. Among the many near-term possibilities would be a restaurant, pumpkin patch and seasonal Xmas Tree lot. More details on the concept are on pages 5 and 6, and the developer and Mayor's office will attend our September meeting.



President's Column

By Frances Neagley



Anyone who works for volunteer organizations comes to understand that while there are significant rewards, the frustrations at time are equally trying. In my second year as president of HVNA, I have a tendency to dwell on the latter and forget about our successes.

The recent D5 Clean-up was a particular example. I was a bit over-committed leading up to that Saturday – house/dog sitting, baseball and my ever-faithful Patricia's Green steward was out of town. I was not sure how I was going to manage the event. And then everyone started showing up. Le Boulange Hayes brought coffee and pastries. Cooper and his mom, Carolyn, helped me get this organized. Then the people started showing up. Some I had met at a previous Patricia's Green maintenance day, but most were new to me. Everyone was enthusiastic about helping.

It was a warm day and we worked our way up and down Octavia Boulevard, cleaning up the trees and the median plantings and picking up trash. We made forays up Oak Street and into the Hickory alley. The number of trash bags that we filled was impressive.

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