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Report Litter 28-CLEAN  
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(Mobile Assistance Patrol dispatched)  
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**Next General Membership Meeting: Thursday September 16, 2004 @ 7:30pm**  
**Castro Meeting Room**  
Castro @ 18th Street  
Above the Bank of America

## Join EVPA by Sending Us This Completed Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Last*

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ Email

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(EVPA does not share your contact information with other groups)  
My concerns for the neighborhood include \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in working on the following issues:  
 City Planning/Zoning  Transportation, Utilities & Neighborhood Commerce  
 Public Health/Safety  Education/Recreation  Membership & Promotion  
 Finance  Internal Affairs  Pink Triangle Park

**Renewing membership.**  **New membership.**  
 I wish to receive my copy of the Eureka! Via the internet rather than by US Mail



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# Eureka!

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## CASTRO STREET FAIR

Saturday October 3, 2004

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

FUN ☺ DANCING  
MUSIC ☺ FOOD  
LIBATIONS ☺

On Sunday, October 3, 2004 EVPA will participate in the Castro Street Fair. EVPA Board Member, **Adam Hagen** will once again lead a team of dedicated volunteers in collecting donations at the fair-gate. In past years, proceeds from the Castro Street Fair have provided "seed money" for important EVPA projects.

**WE NEED YOU!** To volunteer this year, please contact Adam Hagen through our website at [www.evpa.org](http://www.evpa.org).

### WHY I DECIDED TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Ron Podoske

A few years back my buddy Timmy and I went on our annual vacation to Europe. It's not that we're rich or anything, it's just that he's a travel agent and one of the perks of being a travel agent is getting free tickets. One of the perks of being Timmy's friend is that he takes me.

On this particular trip we went to Munich. Visions of German food and beer filled my head and eventually my stomach. As always, Timmy made up his aggressive and totally unrealistic itinerary. On that itinerary was a concentration camp named Dachau.

At Dachau we toured the grounds. We walked on the foundations of the building that have long since been destroyed and saw the guard towers surrounding the camp which still stood. Later we watched a movie within the camps' museum chronicling perhaps the worst genocide this world has ever known. We were glued to the screen witnessing actual film footage of the very people who would enter this camp and never leave. The narrator spoke of the many groups who the Nazi's persecuted; Jews, Jehovah's Witnesses, Gypsies, etc. The list went on and on as I listened closely for the group I belong to. I listened for the word homosexual. But my group was never mentioned, acknowledged, or recognized.

When I returned to the United States I contacted the German Consulate. How could an entire group of people who had their own Nazi identification, The Pink Triangle, not be included as individuals who were put to death because of who they were?

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(Volunteer con't)

The Consulate informed me that the film was quite old and at the time it was made, homosexuals were not viewed of "favorably". This astounded me. A persecuted group of men and women were intentionally not being recognized. History was being amended by omission due to discrimination.

Since then, I have done what I can to keep the memory alive of those men and women who perished. Those men and women who were treated horribly even by their fellow captives. And those same men and women who even after the camps were liberated were not set free but rather sent to prison for their sexual orientation. And this is why I pull weeds, and this is why I pick up everything from candy wrappers to bicycle tires at The Pink Triangle Park and this is why I am a volunteer. Because they deserved better and in some very small way, I'm making that happen.



Ken Gourley (on left) demonstrates how to prepare roses for fall. Volunteer Ron Podoske was one of several workshop participants



**EVPA  
NEEDS  
YOU!**

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**

Well, it is almost November and that means elections are around the corner! EVPA needs YOU to volunteer for office. We are seeking nominations. Being an officer or board member is a great way to get to know your neighbors better and help EVPA make our neighborhood a better place. You can nominate someone or yourself. The only requirement is that you have been a member in good standing for 6 months. To nominate someone, send an email to [info@evpa.org](mailto:info@evpa.org) or go to the [www.evpa.org](http://www.evpa.org) and click on the email address in the banner. Nominations will be announced at the October General Membership Meeting and posted in the November edition of the Eureka!

**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2004**

Start Time: 7:40pm  
End Time: 8:45pm

Number in attendance: 14  
Number of voting members: 13\*  
(\*Eligible membership count= 127)

**Motions:**

1. Approval of minutes from July General Membership Meeting. CARRIED

2. To instruct Corresponding Secretary to send letter to the office of Supervisor Bevan Dufty. The letter will reiterate EVPA's position on traffic flow related to the Octavia/Central Freeway project, and express disappointment that EVPA was left out of the final decision to restrict vehicle access to and from the freeway at Octavia and Market Streets. CARRIED

3. Motion to adjourn. CARRIED

**ADVERTISE IN THE  
EUREKA!**

There is no better time to place an ad in the Eureka than now. Announcing our new incentive program – plan ahead and save some money while letting your neighbors know how best to support your business. Ad rates are as follows, to sign up please contact Gustavo Serina at [gserina@aol.com](mailto:gserina@aol.com).

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9 months, \$225  
12 months, \$270



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