



Eureka!

News for Eureka Valley, Upper Market, Castro, Duboce & Twin Peaks. Published by the **Eureka Valley Promotion Association**

Serving the neighborhood since 1881.

www.EVPA.org

www.PinkTrianglePark.org

Volume 122, Issue 2

February 2003

Save These Dates.

Grab your PDA, calendar or scissors to remember these upcoming 2003 EVPA General Meetings, held at 7:30 pm at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center (100 Collingwood near 18th):

- | | | |
|--------------|---|----------|
| February 20 | March 20 | April 17 |
| May 15 | June 19 | July 17 |
| August 21 | (District Attorney's Race Candidate Night) | |
| September 18 | (Mayor's Race Candidate Night) | |
| October 16 | | |
| November 20 | (EVPA elections) | |

Talk the Walk.

Help formulate San Francisco's Pedestrian Master Plan by serving on a newly created Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. Citizens will work with City agencies to advise the Board of Supervisors on enhancing safety for walkers. Download your Committee application at <http://sfgov.org/bdsupvrs/vacancies/pedsafety.htm> or simply call DPT at 252-4696.



Before Valentine's Day dinner, drop in at A.G. Ferrari on Castro 3-6 pm 2/14 to sample several Italian wines. Donations made at the pouring table benefit the new Pink Triangle Park. More benefits will be held on 3/8, 4/12 and 5/10.

Sewart MiniPark Happy to be 30.

In 1973, under the leadership of then-EVPA President Burt 'Shimon' Schwarzschild, a notable achievement was made when a unique minipark on tiny Seward Street opened. The minipark incorporates the ideas and works of neighborhood children, including an innovative double slide 60 feet long that curves gracefully down the hill. Thousands now have taken the slide-ride, some knowing the secret of tucking wax paper under the rump to go even faster.

(continued page 2)

Bay Area Reporter Article Wrong.

You may have read the article in the February 6, 2003 Bay Area Reporter (BAR). The article was by Joe Dignan regarding Teddy Witherington's concerns that EVPA was involved in a "closed-door" meeting with Merchants of Upper Market and Castro (MUMC) and Supervisor Dufty. Mr. Witherington is the executive director of San Francisco Pride Parade. I would like the members of EVPA to know that Mr. Witherington's comments

are not an accurate account of the meeting or its purpose. I was the EVPA representative at that meeting. The agenda was to open a dialogue between neighborhood groups regarding a plan for Halloween next year. His accusation of a "closed-door" meeting is untrue.

Representatives from several neighborhood groups attended and were welcomed. If Mr. Witherington also had done so he would have been treated with the same respect. His statement that it is EVPA's position to not allow any street events is not true. EVPA has not taken a formal position on Halloween but is deeply

troubled with the events of last year. In 2003 Halloween will fall on a Friday night, which could draw even more people to the neighborhood. EVPA's goal is to have a safe, fun event for the public rather than the out of control, dangerous event that Halloween has recently become. Rather than contacting EVPA directly to be a part of Halloween planning, Mr. Witherington chose to run to the media with inaccuracies. I hope that he acknowledges that his statements were an overreaction to a normal neighborhood planning process and instead becomes part of a respectful discussion regarding this event.

-- Drew Bertagnolli, EVPA Safety Committee Chair

(Seward Slides into 30, continued)

Local residents have created an attractive garden called the Corwin Street Community Garden that complements the minipark. If you would like to assist in planning a 30-year celebration for the Seward Street Minipark to be held later this year, please email us at info@evpa.org.



Corwin Street Garden movers-n-shakers on Jan. 19th (l to r): Effie Kuriloff, Burt Shimon Schwarzchild, Annette Clark, Bill Murphy and Daria Schwarzchild. The community garden is adjacent to Seward MiniPark.

New Pink Triangle Park Donors.

EVPA gratefully acknowledges those who have given \$100 or more recently to support our newest park project, Pink Triangle Park and Memorial (www.PinkTrianglePark.org) ☺ **Thank you!**

Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence Bond R. Shands Louis Bryan

Please make your tax-deductible contribution by writing your check payable to "HMI" (non-profit fiscal sponsor at 3%) and note "PTP" in the memo section. Then mail it to EVPA, P.O. Box 14137, SF, CA 94114-0137. You will receive a private tax acknowledgement and a hearty public "Thank you."

New EVPA'ers Growing Strong.

Please help welcome our newest EVPA members:

- David Kearney & Chip Graves
- Tom Geller
- Peter Ong
- Lynn McNeill & Michael Ramsay
- Ivan Cano
- William Lough
- JC Corporation
- Rebecca Wrightsman

- Home Restaurant, Jon Franco
- Bagdad Café, David Escalante & Steve Weber
- Gretchen & Jeff Shopoff

Thank you for joining! ☺

Columbia Remembered.

Do we have your email for updates?

The breakup of Shuttle Columbia prompted an unusual mid-month email update. A sign was created for those who wished to display it during the national week of mourning (www.EVPA.org to see). Members responded in different ways:

While it is indeed tragic that the Shuttle Columbia has crashed and burned, I think that it is inappropriate for a neighborhood association such as EVPA to involve its in these national events. While all of us are saddened to learn of the astronauts' deaths, think of the thousands and thousands who may die tragically in Iraq because of our government's insane policies. If EVPA is going to concern itself with national events, I suggest the organization look elsewhere for issues which are starring us right in the face. -- Ned York

As a member of EVPA, and of the extended NASA family, thank you so much for your support in this difficult time. In my personal opinion, it is very important to have your outpouring of support as we work together as an international family to explore, and expand the universe of possibility, for all.

Kathleen Connell

Assoc. Director, RIACS/NASA Ames

Do we have your email address? If not, please send it to joinevpa@aol.com for updates when things come in late for Eureka! or warrant comment.



Thank you for trying.



RED GRILL

4063 18th ST
255-2RED



WHISKEY LOUNGE

4063 18th ST
255-2RED



BLUE

2337 Market ST
863-BLUE

Notes from the Treasurer:

I am happy to report EVPA has begun 2003 on a sound financial footing. In January 2002 our general account balance was \$3,008.34. At the end of January 2003 our general account balance has grown by 89% to \$5,691.72. The real story of the past year is not fully told by the change in our bank balances, but in our growth as an organization and the very important projects that were funded in 2002 (which have gotten us where we are today).

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Membership Committee, headed by Michael Crawford, dues rose from \$1,316 in 2001 to \$2,145 in 2002 (an increase of 63%). In addition, advertising revenues from our very successful monthly newsletter, *Eureka!*, contributed \$715 to our ongoing operations.

Important projects that were funded during 2002 included the *Eureka!*, the introduction of the Castro Bubble Bath (the street cleaning effort spearheaded by the UTNC Committee) and major contributions to the Pink Triangle Park project (the neighborhood beautification and civil rights education effort of the Ed and Rec Committee). Throughout the year, our outgoing Treasurer, Herb Cohn has generously donated his talents to all aspects of EVPA's financial progress. From fundraising to accounting, Herb's efforts in 2002 have been crucial to our success...and have made my new job a pleasure to take on.

My sincere thanks go to Herb and the entire outgoing board for the very sound financial foundation that they have left to EVPA in 2003.

--Joe Foster, Treasurer

Your Screensaver Can Find Cures.

Click EVPA.org to help find medical cures in your spare time. Download a screensaver that analyzes small packets of data. Bit by bit, the screensavers' findings are combined and cures for SmallPox and other illnesses will be found. More at www.EVPA.org

Home Boy.

When you decide to buy or sell a home, call eight-year Duboce Triangle resident Tom Geller. Nobody knows the neighborhood better.



Tom Geller • Zephyr Real Estate
415-731-5011 x133 • www.tomgeller.com

Jan. 16, 2003

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 7:30 PM. Minutes from the November 2002 EVPA meeting were approved. Presentations: **EVPA members Jeannene Przyblyski, Linton Staples and Judy Hoyem** gave an in-depth presentation on the proposed Special Use District Legislation that was hammered out during ex-Supervisor Mark Leno's administration. This legislation is intended to bring about reasonable and consistent guidelines for the construction of new housing within District 8. This proposed legislation only targets RH-1, 2 and 3 zoning. Long hours of volunteer work brought a number of interim controls that are ready for an 18-month test. Jody Hoyem reported that the EVPA Planning Committee recommends that the EVPA General Membership support this legislation and the initial 18-month test period. A motion was made to write a letter to new District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty supporting this legislation and urging him to move it forward. The motion carried. **Paul Boden, Director of the Coalition on Homelessness** appeared at the request of an EVPA member and gave an interesting presentation on the history of the Coalition, its purpose and its goals. A question and answer period followed. Thanks go out to Mr. Boden for his presentation on this difficult and controversial topic.

New Business: EVPA member Rich McRee announced that the Seward Street Mini Park is 30 years old this year. As this park was formed with the help of the EVPA and other organizations, it may be appropriate for EVPA to participate in recognition of this anniversary. Rich will report back to the EVPA membership on suggested ways that EVPA can participate at a future meeting. Those long-time EVPA members who have an interest in the history of EVPA and The City are encouraged to contact EVPA member and Corresponding Secretary Jimmer Cassiol (jcassiol@aol.com) to participate in EVPA's ongoing effort to document the history of The Oldest Neighborhood Organization in San Francisco. New EVPA Treasurer Joe Foster reported that in order for EVPA to move our current annual budget cycle beginning in January to an annual cycle beginning in March, interim spending must be approved to fund recurrent spending items, like the newsletter. The interim spending would not exceed \$750 to the Membership Committee and \$200 to the Park and Education Committee. After debate, **the motion carried.**

Committee Reports: Treasurer's Report: On file. Planning Report: The Planning Committee gave a recommendation to EVPA to oppose the planned demolition of a two-unit building at 3925-57 20th Street. The demolition of the building is opposed by neighbors, and would make way for a two-unit condominium, providing The City with no net increase in housing. The owner of the building (who was not present) has claimed that renovation and repair of the property is not cost effective, hence the request to demolish for new construction. A motion was made to oppose demolition of the property. After debate, the motion carried. Park and Ed Report: The plan to remodel the EVRC was reported in the January edition of "Eureka!" Work is continuing on signage, a bronze plaque and granite sheathing of the concrete retaining wall at the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. Safety Report: Discussions on how to handle the annual Halloween gathering are being discussed. EVPA member and Safety Committee chair Drew Bertagnoli is working with other neighborhood and business organizations to plan for this event. Supervisor Dufty is aware of the toll the event takes on the neighborhood and city services, and will hold discussions in the coming weeks on how best to handle this issue in the future. Interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact Supervisor Dufty for more information about these upcoming meetings. Membership Report: The deadline for inclusion in the February issue of "Eureka!" is February 1st. Thanks go out to A.G. Ferrari for holding their weekend wine tastings for the benefit of EVPA and the Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. Everyone is encouraged to attend these wine tastings and support their neighborhood organization. **The meeting adjourned at 9 pm.**

ADAM HAGEN
HOMES • CONDOMINIUMS • INVESTMENT PROPERTIES



OFFICE: 415-296-2190
ahagen@mcguire.com

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD REALTOR
YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE

Handy Resources for Home

Report Litter 28-CLEAN
 Report Graffiti 241-WASH
 Police Non-Emergency 553-0123
 Police/Mission Station 558-5400
 Help A Homeless Person 431-7400
 (Mobile Assistance Patrol dispatched)
 Street Cleaning 695-2017 or 695-2020
 S.F. Supervisor Bevan Dufty 554-6968
 bevan.dufty@sfgov.org
 Diana Parker, Dufty's Chief of Staff
 diana.parker@sfgov.org
 Steven Aronowitz, Dufty's Deputy Chief
 steven.aronowitz@sfgov.org

2003 EVPA Officers & Board Members

President Gustavo Serina
Vice President Tom Hanus
Corresponding Secretary Jimmer Cassiol
Recording Secretary Mike Babbitt
Treasurer Joe Foster
At-Large Board Members
 Gerald Abbott Drew Bertagnolli
 Michael Crawford Judy Hoyem
 Rich McRee Pauline Shaver
 David Weiss

SEX! SEX! SEX!

HA! Made you look. Now please look at your mailing label and send in your renewal promptly. ☺ Not a member? This easy form can change all that. →

EVPA P.O. Box 14137
San Francisco, CA 94114-0137
www.EVPA.org www.PinkTrianglePark.org



2500 Market Street is available. The youth program is moving closer to the new LGBT Center. No word yet on plans for the property.

Membership Application

Or join online at www.EVPA.org

Name: _____
 First Last

Name: _____
 First Last

Address: _____ Apt. _____
 City: San Francisco, CA Zip Code _____

Day Phone:(_____)_____ Evening Phone:(_____)_____

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

How did you hear about EVPA? _____

Annual Membership dues are \$15 per calendar year for individuals or \$24 for households and businesses. EVPA is a non-profit California corporation.

Please return this form with your check payable to EVPA to:
 EVPA, PO Box 14137, San Francisco, CA 94114-0137.

Questions? Email us at info@evpa.org.

FIRST CLASS MAIL