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No More Halloween In The Castro!!!

At a May 30, 2007 public meeting, District 8 Supervisor **Bevan Dufty** and Entertainment Commission President **Audrey Joseph** confirmed that the city of San Francisco will not sponsor a Halloween event in the Castro. Instead, the crowds will be directed to attend a celebration at Pier 42, near AT&T Park on the Embarcadero, although the city will provide a large police and "other" safety personnel presence in the Castro. Supervisor Dufty made it clear that Halloween 2007 will be the first in a multi-year program to end the decades long tradition of revelry in the Castro, which has evolved into an unmanageable and dangerous event.

Supervisor Dufty, working with the full support of Mayor **Gavin Newsom**, emphasized that Halloween in the Castro has become unsafe. He cited last year's shootings (seven people were injured) as the most recent evidence of the danger posed by the huge gathering. He and other city leaders recognize that the neighborhood cannot accommodate 100,000+ people on that night. Supervisor Dufty, Newsom, and Audrey Joseph are responding to long standing requests from Castro residents and merchants that Halloween be moved to a different venue-one where crowd control can be better managed and the appropriate entertainment provided.

Joseph said the city is working with an experienced entertainment promoter to bring a "big name" mainstream star to perform at Pier 42 that evening. Local bands will also be invited to entertain at Pier 42, a site only recently secured after months of negotiations spearheaded by Supervisor Dufty. Many open issues remain, but these will be worked out over the next few months.

The plan is to make the Castro "dead" that night and to discourage any visitors from remaining in the Castro. There will be no street barricades or port-a-potties. However, police and other emergency personnel will be out in force monitoring the neighbor-

Our Neighborhood

Why we live here: We moved here 9 years ago to be walking distance from my husband's two absolute best college friends who have settled here. We didn't know the neighborhood and have been so pleased here, we've expanded our house in order to stay for the long term. The best things are: friendly people, walking distance from our BEST friends and the muni metro and the delicious restaurants of the Mission, all purpose shops like Walgreens, Delano's, Cliff's, PO Plus, Urban Flowers, Pottery Barn, For your eyes only, Bank of America, FIREWOOD, the Library, Haircuts at Jungle Red & Enzi, and Melissa's on 19th. Also, lots of sun and many people who care about improving the quality of life by gardening, restoring houses, taking care of elderly neighbors and supporting the many different people living here.

What has been great lately: Renovated Eureka Valley Recreation Center, the Castro Benefit District cleaners, Queen Malika Crepes, L'Occtaine, new chocolate shop and ice cream shop, and De La Sole.

What needs work: Too many vacant storefronts. Some blocks seem to have miserable appeal (like the block with "Not Just Flowers") and seem to need a concentrated effort to clean up and redo the sidewalks and add coordinated trees.

When I visit other neighborhood retail areas I see a coordinated effort to make them more attractive (new trees on 24th street for instance) whereas Castro Street and 18th seem to need attention. Maybe that's one reason for the empty storefronts? Even Hayes has a less dejected street scape now. There are lots of spending power in our neighborhood and many wandering tourists - there must be a way to attract better shops. We wish for more restaurants with higher quality food. Help with Slide Park - its so fun for everyone young and old but needs a monthly gardening session and perhaps

-hood. Residents can help by not hosting private parties on Halloween in the neighborhood. Supervisor Dufty pledged to personally ask each merchant to shut their business early that night. Restaurants such as **Café Flore** and **Catch** have agreed to do so and **Greg Bronstein**, owner of **Luna**, **The Bar**, **Jet**, and **Lime**, is considering the proposal. Supervisor Dufty is urging residents to support the merchants by frequenting local establishments with greater frequency during the month of October, so that those putting the welfare of the neighborhood before personal gain will not suffer financially.

Among EVPA members attending the meeting were President **Frank Weiss**, Secretary **Gustavo Serina**, former President **Lion Barnett**, **Judy Hoyem**, **Diane Nutting**, **Richard Magary**, **Steve Hall**, **Dennis Richards**, and **Scott Weiner**.

General Membership Meeting Minutes May 2007

Upon Motion Made and Seconded, Approved April, 2007 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

Upon Motion Made and Seconded, amended EVPA's support for the expansion of **The Café**, making support contingent upon The Café developing a workable, measurable plan to meet concerns of neighbors regarding noise, trespassing, security, and other illegal activities by its patrons and to empower EVPA's Planning Committee to act on behalf of the organization in working to resolve these issues.

Upcoming EVPA Meetings

EVPA meetings are back in the Eureka Valley Recreation Center Auditorium, 100 Collingwood (behind Delano's Market). See you there!

June 21, July 19

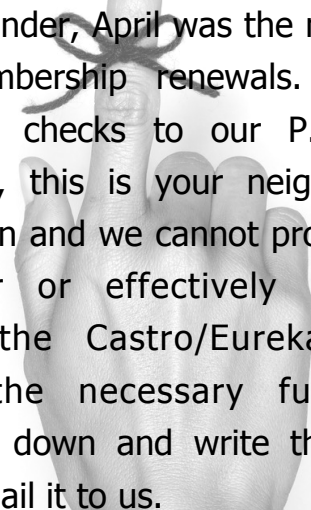
a facelift. More and more dogs off leash on the sidewalk. More merchants on 18th need to spring for green loading zones so they and their customers don't block ramps. There are lots of people with motorized scooters, walkers and strollers who are stuck with blocked ramps in front of Big Cleaners, Bazouzi and the post office. I'd be happy to join up with anyone else interested in helping Slide Park have a more frequent upkeep.

Thanks,

Danielle Conrad & Hemant Shah

Reminder:

Time For Membership Renewals



Just a reminder, April was the month for EVPA membership renewals. Please send your checks to our P.O. Box. Remember, this is your neighborhood organization and we cannot produce our newsletter or effectively work to improve the Castro/Eureka Valley without the necessary funds. So please, sit down and write that check now and mail it to us.

Thank you!

Contact EVPA Board Members

If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please feel free to contact any of the following EVPA Board Members:

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Upcoming Pink Triangle Celebration

Hello to all of you "Friends of the Pink Triangle",

Thank you so much for being a part of the past Pink Triangle installations on Twin Peaks.

I hope you can make it this year too...and please bring friends. As you witnessed, it takes many people to make the project happen. The goal is to educate people about the hatred of the past to help prevent it from happening again. Even if you can't make it, please let others know that their help would be greatly appreciated.

The installation will be Saturday June 23, 2007 from 7am — 10am with a Commemoration Ceremony at 10:30 am.

Many of our Elected Leaders and other dignitaries including several of the Grand Marshalls from the Parade will be speaking. We are delighted that the fabulous SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band will be performing again this year.

The Pink Triangle removal will be Sunday afternoon June 24 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm, and help is greatly appreciated for that as well.

Thanks again and we hope to see you again this year.

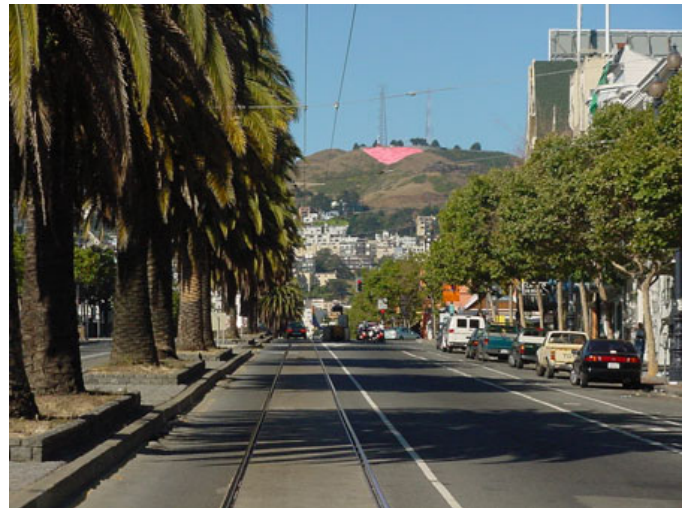
All the best,

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Twin Peaks as seen from Market Street



Friends of the Pink Triangle



Mayor Gavin Newsom

Storefronts Filling Up Rapidly

We are happy to report that all but four of the twenty vacant commercial spaces identified in last month's Eureka! have been filled or will soon be occupied by businesses. This confirms that the Eureka Valley/Castro neighborhood is a vibrant one that attracts diverse businesses serving residents and visitors alike.

We are fortunate to have supermarkets, specialty food markets, pharmacies, gyms, barber shops, banks, book-stores, a public library branch, clothing stores, hardware and variety stores, gift shops, postal stores, coffee and tea shops, a world famous movie theatre, an nursery, and a splendid selection of restaurants within walking distance of where many people live and to public transportation.

The many attractions of our neighborhood were featured in local television station Channel 5's **Eye On The Bay**, which aired on Monday, June 4 at 7PM.

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007 @ 7:30PM

Eureka Valley Recreation Center
100 Collingwood St.

AGENDA:

1. Introductions
2. Approval of May, 2007 minutes (Action Item)
3. Special Guest: District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty
4. Special Guest: A Representative from Walgreen's Pharmacy to discuss expansion plans for it's 18th Street Location (Possible Action Item)
5. Committee Reports
 - Planning Committee
 - The Café's expansion plans and issues regarding it's proposed disability access entrance/exit (Possible Action Item)
 - Café Flore's plans to remain open 24 Hours a day and serve alcohol until 2AM (Possible Action Item)
 - Finance Committee
6. Update on 501 C (3) Application
7. Report on EVPA Economic Forum

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Keep Our Neighborhood Vibrant

An excellent way to keep our neighborhood vibrant and commercially diverse is to shop at local stores. It's also a good way to meet neighbors and merchants. If you are looking for gifts, either for a relative, friend, or for yourself, the Castro has an excellent selection of shops offering a splendid array of merchandise. At **Under One Roof**, 549 Castro Street, a wide range and frequently changing selection of merchandise is attractively presented. Staffed by volunteers, sales benefit many organizations helping people with AIDS. Nearby is a new store, **Given**, at 575 Castro Street, which has a striking collection of items for the home—things you are unlikely to find anywhere else.

Earthtones, 2323 Market Street, is the Grand Dame of neighborhood gift stores and is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary. It stocks a wide variety of exotic, hand crafted items from all over the world: European crystal, art glass, Tibetan furniture, lacquer tables, lamps, bar ware, French porcelain, decorative prints, candlesticks, and much more. Next door at **Kenneth Wyngard**, you will find sleek, beautifully designed room dividers, picture frames, lamps, furniture, and elegant clocks.

Flowers are often the perfect gifts and two shops in our neighborhood offer superb and contrasting selections. At **Ixia**, 2331 Market Street, proprietor and EVPA member **Gary Weiss** creates the most original and exotic arrangements in San Francisco. At **Not Just Flowers**, 4111 18th Street, next door to **Harvey's, Andrei** and his beautiful wife **Lisa** carry a dazzling and colorful collection of cut blossoms—their beautiful storefront is visible for blocks. You can buy a simple bouquet or have them prepare an impressive arrangement for a special event.

Plants, for the garden, patio, window box, and indoors, are what you will find at **Hortica**, 566 Castro Street, which bills itself—accurately—as “A little nursery in the city.” Owner **David Gray** and his knowledgeable staff of gardeners present a wonderful choice of blooming and green shrubs, trees, bushes, and houseplants for all seasons. They will help you select greenery that thrives in our neighborhood's many micro-climates. Don't miss the beautiful orchids. The nursery also stocks a fine selection of pots, fertilizers, and gardening tools.

Last, but far from least, **Does Your Mother Know**, 4141 18th Street, has a far-ranging selection of cards for all occasions. They also carry beautiful writing paper, pens, wrapping paper, chess sets, and other gifts.

Happy shopping!



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A black and white portrait of Katharine Holland, a woman with blonde hair, wearing a dark jacket over a light-colored top. She is sitting and smiling, with a small black and white cat sitting on her lap.

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