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.

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. Worthington 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

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.

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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 staring 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.
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
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
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Membership Application
Or join online at www.EVPA.org

Name:______________________________________________________________
First    Last
Name:______________________________________________________________
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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.

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