

## 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's Office  
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 bevan.dufty@sfgov.org  
 Diana Parker, Chief of Staff  
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## Join EVPA by Sending Us This Completed Membership Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:  
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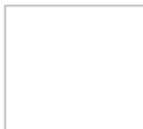
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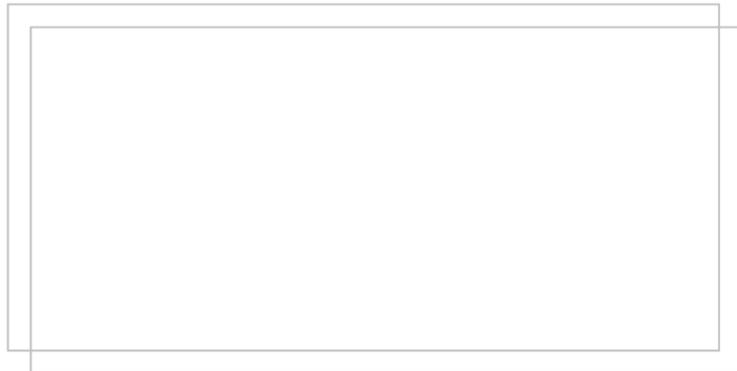
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**Next General Membership Meeting: Thursday January 15, 2004 @ 7:30pm**



### NOTES FROM EVPA PRESIDENT

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Who are we? What do we want? These are two questions often asked when enrolling new EVPA members and when lobbying City Hall. As Treasurer of the organization in 2003, I had the opportunity to observe the comments on renewal forms as members sent in \$15 (individual) and \$24 (household and business) dues payments. These profiles and comments offer some interesting information about our membership. We presently have 158 dues-paying members who self-identified themselves as follows:

#### Individuals:

Male  
 Female 57 (35%)  
**Households:** 16 (10%)

Same-sex, male  
 Same-sex, female 15 (9%)  
 Mixed gender 4 (3%)  
**Businesses:** 19 (12%)

**Addresses:** 48 (30%)  
 Castro District  
 Church St./Dolores Park 123 (78%)  
 East of Twin Peaks 21 (13%)  
 Duboce Triangle 11 (7%)  
 3 (2%)

On the 2003 renewal forms, about 30% of the membership reported neighborhood issues that concerned them. Here are the results:

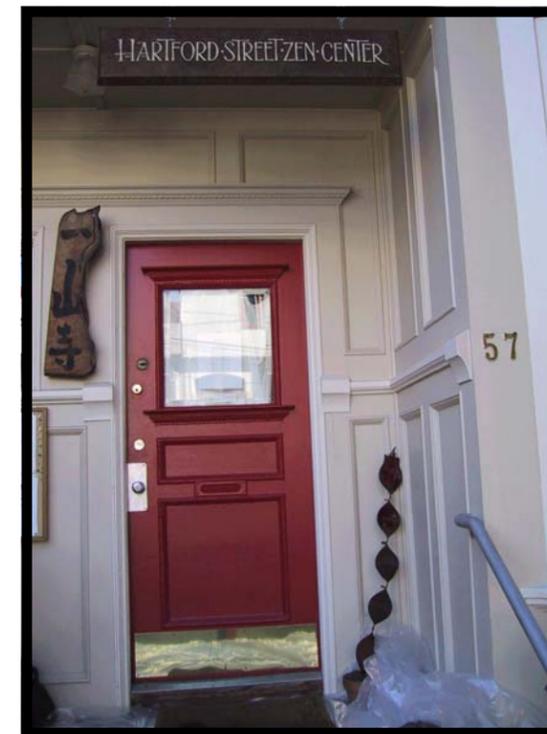
Clean and safe streets and sidewalks: 85%  
 Cost of living (rents and mortgages): 61%  
 Security of homes (police and fire safety): 55%  
 Homelessness and vagrancy: 41%  
 Drug use and dealing: 41%  
 Lack of parking: 30%  
 Other: 5%

To help address these concerns, EVPA's board is considering several initiatives for the coming year. These efforts include encouraging a wider range of interests and opinions discussed at meetings, promoting volunteer events and researching new fund raising opportunities. If you have ideas...let us know. On the back of this *Eureka!*, you will find a renewal form with a comments section. Fill it out...and (if you haven't renewed already) enclose it with your 2004 dues check. Or even better...bring your ideas to our first 2004 general membership meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you.

**Happy New Year, Joe Foster**

# Eureka!

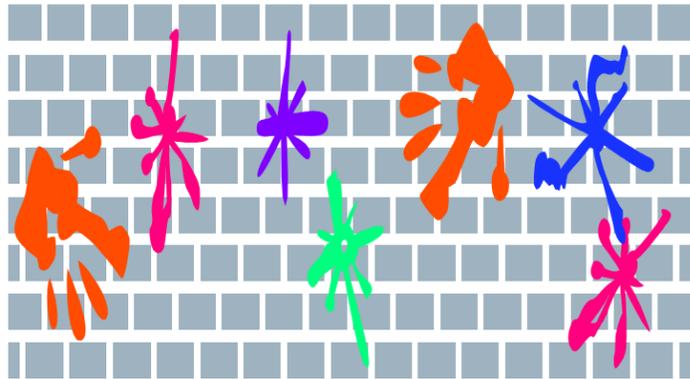
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### A HIDDEN TREASURE IN THE CASTRO

**Judy Hoyem**

On a quiet street in the Castro in the midst of a row of picturesque homes, the Hartford Street Zen Center may be overlooked by the casual passerby. But every weekday at 6 am and 6 pm, the zendo (meditation hall) opens its door to a small group of people who begin and end the day in meditation. Hartford Street Zen Center, at 56 Hartford Street, has been in Eureka Valley for over 20 years, offering meditation instruction and group meditation to all who are interested. The house was formerly the home of Dharma Dhatu, a Tibetan Buddhist meditation group, so its walls are well seasoned in the tradition of Buddhist meditation. In 1982, a group of gay men founded the Center as an independent neighborhood zendo and residence for members, beginning a tradition of levity and good humor combined with serious meditation practice. From the start, the Center has welcomed everyone, gay and straight, male and female, old and young, beginners and experts alike. The first practice leader, Issan Tommy Dorsey, who had been a well-known female impersonator before becoming a Zen priest, responded with



## GRAFFITI FOLLOW-UP IN EUREKA VALLEY, WHAT TO DO?

Jack Keating

"You know, you have one of the prettiest, **dirtiest**, cities in the world." These were the words of a recent foreign visitor to San Francisco. Last month's article introduced you to the problem of graffiti in Eureka Valley. This month we will explore what we can do, both as individuals and as a community organization, to make our neighborhood one of the prettiest, *cleanest* places in the world.

### First, Report

Immediately report graffiti, even if you clean it yourself. The police should be notified of graffiti so they can photograph it and add it to their database. Call the **non-emergency number of the SFPD 553-0123** to report the incident. Though an officer is not always dispatched to sites that don't involve private property, Officer Newman at Mission Police Station encourages us to take our own pictures and send them in for cataloging.

### Next, Clean

Immediate removal of graffiti can deter repeat offenders. Local stores, such as Cliff's Variety on Castro Street, sell cleaning agents that can be applied to graffiti. Though these agents rarely eliminate marks, they prepare the surface to be re-painted. Matching paint is a difficult process, but I think we'd all rather see a nicely painted, two-tone wall than a tag mark. There are also cleaners to remove paint from glass, or you can always try Windex and a razor blade. If you do not have the means to clean the graffiti, contact **DPW at 28-CLEAN**. Director Sandy Quadra informed me that they receive more than 4,500 calls monthly. DPW will add your site to their list, which means that generally within a month you will receive complimentary services that include color matching, provision of paint supplies, and power washers. If absent owners do not remedy the problem, DPW will send the owner written notices prior to dispatching a crew to the site.

### What is the City Doing About it?

San Francisco created a Civil Grand Jury (CGJ) to investigate trash and graffiti on our streets. The CGJ learned that more

than \$40 million is budgeted for DPW's street cleaning crews and nearly 50 million tons of garbage is illegally dumped on our streets each year. The CGJ also created a list of recommendations for the City, including stiffer fines for graffiti violators, increased education of civil servants such as police officers, and committed resources to combat this problem.

### Finally, Get Involved

As individuals and members of EVPA, we can also take action. Notice your neighborhood environment. Don't hesitate to call 28-CLEAN to report graffiti or illegally dumped garbage. Pick up some supplies to control the problem at your building or join with neighbors to take turns. Keep your property well lit to deter offenders. As a neighborhood association, we can seek further commitment from our District Supervisor to pursue legislation to keep San Francisco beautiful. We can also support street art where appropriate. Together we can improve Eureka Valley's image through our concerted efforts to keep our streets and buildings clean.

### HARTFORD STREET ZEN CENTER (con't)

passion to the AIDS crisis and founded Maitri Hospice at the Center in 1984. In 1996 Maitri moved to a new facility on Duboce Avenue. Since then, the Center has been solely devoted to its original purpose of providing the neighborhood with a safe and welcoming place for meditation.

For those who are ready for it, the Center schedules a full day of meditation monthly. For anyone who is curious, there is an Introduction to Zen on the third Saturday of each month from 1 to 3 pm. For everyone, every Saturday morning, beginning meditation instruction is given at 8:30 am; group meditation is held at 9:10 am for 40 minutes; and a talk is scheduled at 10 am followed by tea and cookies and a chance to socialize. A support group for people living with HIV meets on Thursday and Friday mornings at 10:30 am. One of the hidden pleasures at the Center is the lush and serene garden at the rear, created by David Bullock, who was one of the original members. The garden may be enjoyed by all the participants. **EVPA member Gary Weiss**, proprietor of IXIA on Market Street, who was also one of the early members of Hartford Street Zen Center, provides unique flower arrangements for the zendo altar twice a month. The present resident practice leader and Zen priest is Myo Denis Lahey, who has been practicing Zen for some 20 years. As Myo begins his second year as leader, he hopes that more neighborhood people will discover the treasure that is HSZC and will look into the practice of meditation, the source of peacefulness that is available to all. **For information, please call the Zen Center at (415) 863-2507.**

## OPINON EDITORIAL

### A Call for Cooperation at City Hall Gustavo Serina

The spirited mayoral run-off election ended with a 53% - 47% victory for Supervisor **Gavin Newsom** over Board of Supervisors President **Matt Gonzalez**. Newsom carried 7 of the city's 11 districts and won 15 of 25 neighborhoods. In his election night speech, Newsom reached out to those who did not support him, vowing to work with all segments of the electorate to address the many pressing problems facing our city.



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*Cash* was supported by a majority of San Francisco voters, but it was prevented from becoming law because elected officials chose to ignore the will of the electorate. Those Supervisors should accept Newsom's offer to find common ground and work together for the greater good of San Francisco. By doing so, they will be honoring the wishes of voters in their districts and showing that they respect the democratic process. Working cooperatively with the new mayor will demonstrate political maturity and leadership, qualities we are confident these Supervisors possess.



Thanks to **EVPA member Ed Allen** for arranging the festive and informative New Year event at Pink Triangle Park and Memorial. He and **Ed and Rec Committee member Diane Nutting** provided hot cider and cookies to the group who gathered to learn about the care and maintenance of roses. Thanks to **Ken Gourley** and his apprentice for sharing their knowledge of how roses are classified, the natural cycle of roses, why and when pruning is needed. They also started the park maintenance on a proper note this year by pruning the rose bushes with the help of **Jack Keating** along with Ed and Diane.

### Mark Your Calendars! General Membership Meeting Dates for 2004

January 15  
February 19  
March 18  
April 15  
May 20  
June 17  
July 15  
August 19  
September 16  
October 21  
November 18  
December 16

### 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 Joe Foster at: [kaizrjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:kaizrjoe@hotmail.com)

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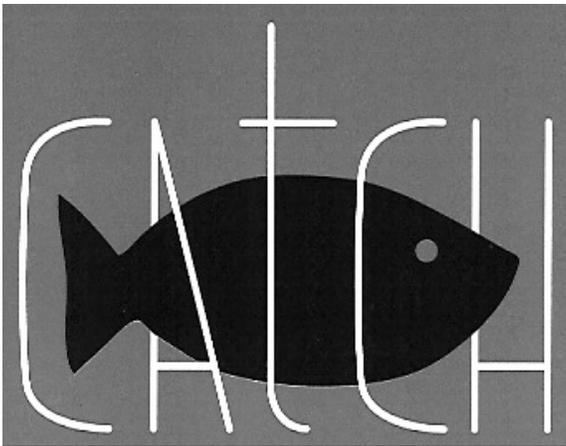
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# LET THERE BE LIGHTS!

But which ones? This is a question that a group of residents on EVPA's eastern border have asked the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider. Neighbors are concerned about the proposed street lighting to be installed along Dolores Street early this year. This is the final



Aluminum Cobra Light

step of a very welcome utility undergrounding project. The aluminum cobra light fixtures being considered are of concern to those who prefer the historic reproduction fixtures used throughout Dolores Park itself and in the adjacent neighborhoods of Dolores Heights, Liberty Hill and Upper Market Street. Additionally, the energy efficiency of the aluminum cobra lights has been questioned.

Neighbors opposing the aluminum cobra lights have asked the PUC to install fixtures similar to those that have been created for other parts of the City. They cite that the area is significant, given that Dolores Street is a part of the 49 Mile Scenic Drive and Mission Dolores is the oldest existing building in San Francisco.

EVPA along with the Dolores Heights Improvement Association is reviewing this concern. There will be discussion at our January General Membership Meeting. If you have questions please contact Charlie Spiegel at [czs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:czs@sbcglobal.net). You may also send your opinion to Supervisor Bevan Dufty ([bevan.dufty@sfgov.org](mailto:bevan.dufty@sfgov.org)) who is working with the City's Department of Public Works on behalf of District Eight.

As always, it is important to be counted. Please consider attending one or both of the upcoming PUC meetings where this issue is on the agenda. These meetings will be on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, January, 27<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are scheduled to start at 1:30PM and will be held at City Hall in Room



Path of Gold Lamp Standards